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Montana has the best of winter–plentiful and reliable snow, magnificent mountains, watchable wildlife and a healthy dose of western hospitality. And, of course, some of the best skiing in the world. When you ski Montana, you learn to ski without. Without lift lines. Without crowds. Without hassles. So all you have left are the good things. Powder perfect snow. Brilliant blue sky. Easy access. Friendly faces. It's downhill skiing made perfect.

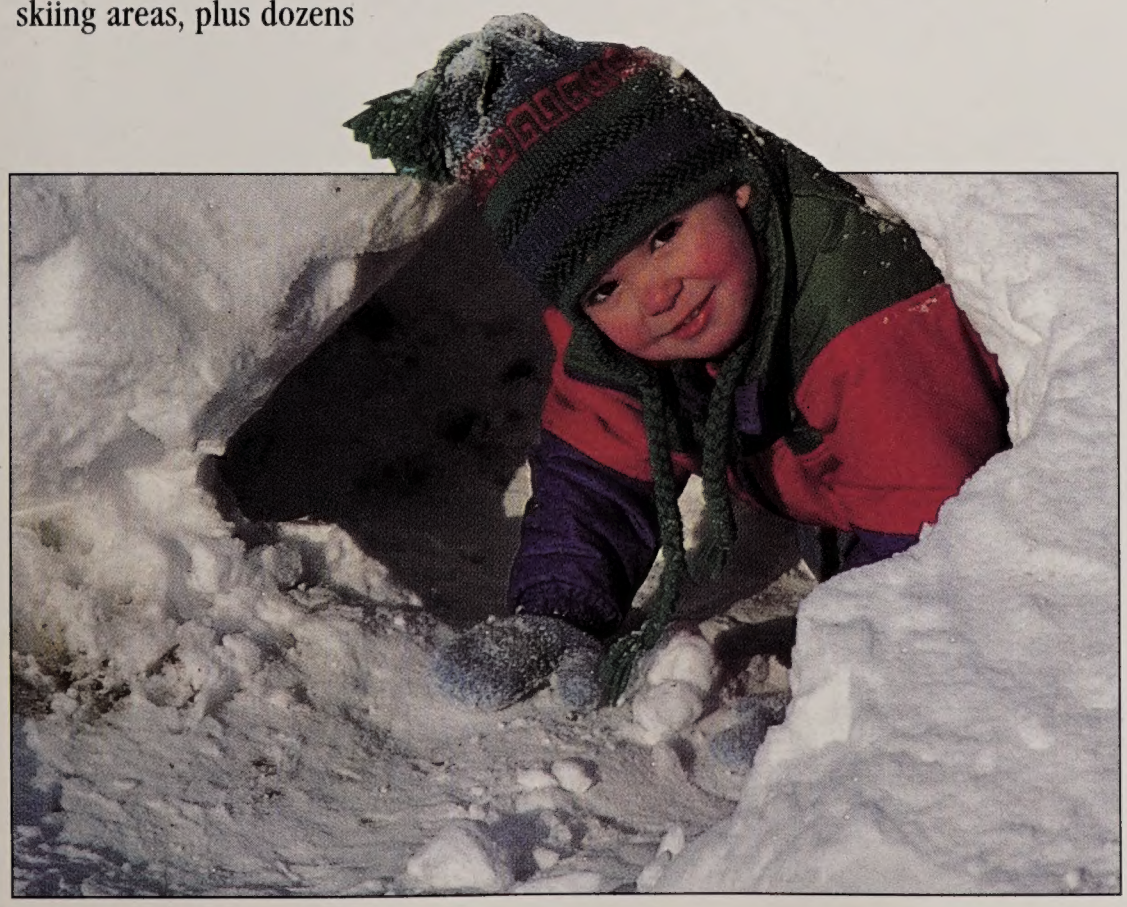
Here you'll find two of the nation's favorite national parks–Glacier and Yellowstone–all dressed up for winter visitors. In Yellowstone, wintering wildlife steal the show as elk and bison graze the geyser basins. Access is easy with guided snowcoach tours, ski tours and hundreds of miles of separate snowmobile and ski trails. Cross-country skiers have Glacier almost exclusively to themselves in winter; you'll share the trails with moose and deer, the views with bighorn sheep.

In between Yellowstone and Glacier are 14 downhill skiing areas, plus dozens of areas for cross-country skiing. Many areas are located in national forests, where millions of pristine acres beckon backcountry explorers.

Our resorts are world-class, without out-of-this-world prices. Where else can you find 4 days skiing and 4 nights lodging for as little as $146? Or ski all day and then enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a cozy inn or bed & breakfast?

In Montana, we celebrate winter with world-class events like national and international speed skating races at the U.S. High Altitude Sports Center in Butte, U.S. Nordic and Biathlon Team competition in West Yellowstone and Race to the Sky in Helena, the longest sled dog race in the lower 48 states.

Add ski touring, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and wildlife viewing, and you have winter done right. Our resorts and ski areas cater to families, so bring the kids. Ski schools, ski day camps and a wide variety of special events will make their ski vacation as memorable as yours!



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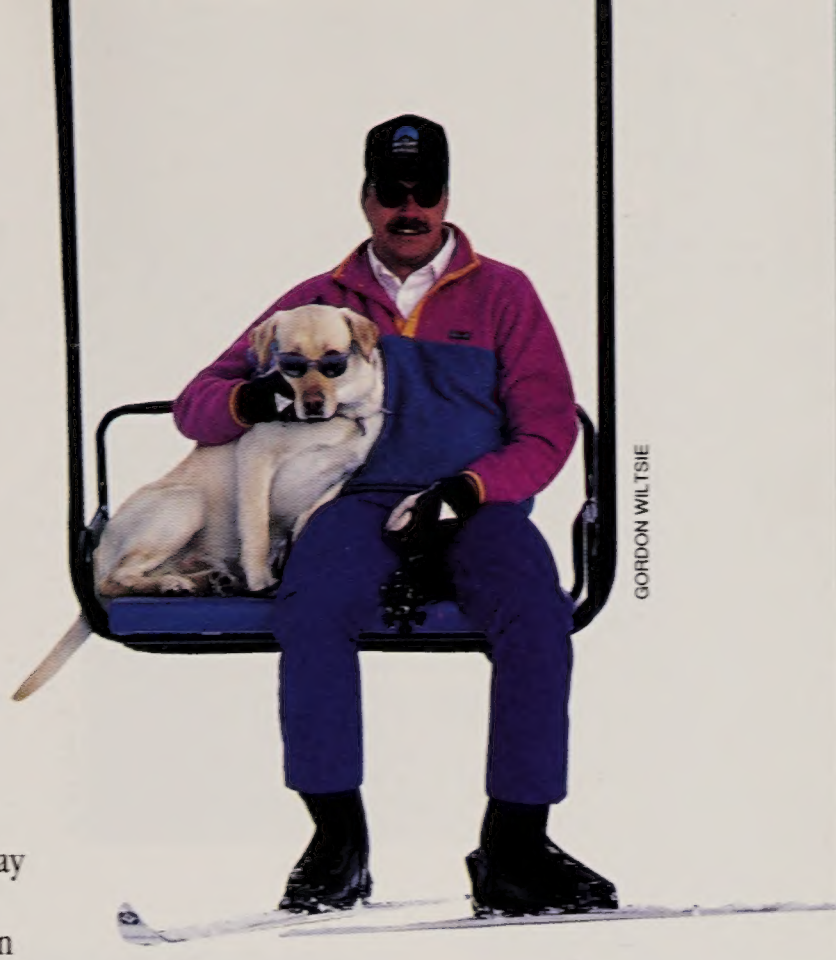
Downhill

SPEND TIME PERFECTING YOUR TURNS, INSTEAD OF WAITING YOUR TURN



GORDON WILTSIE

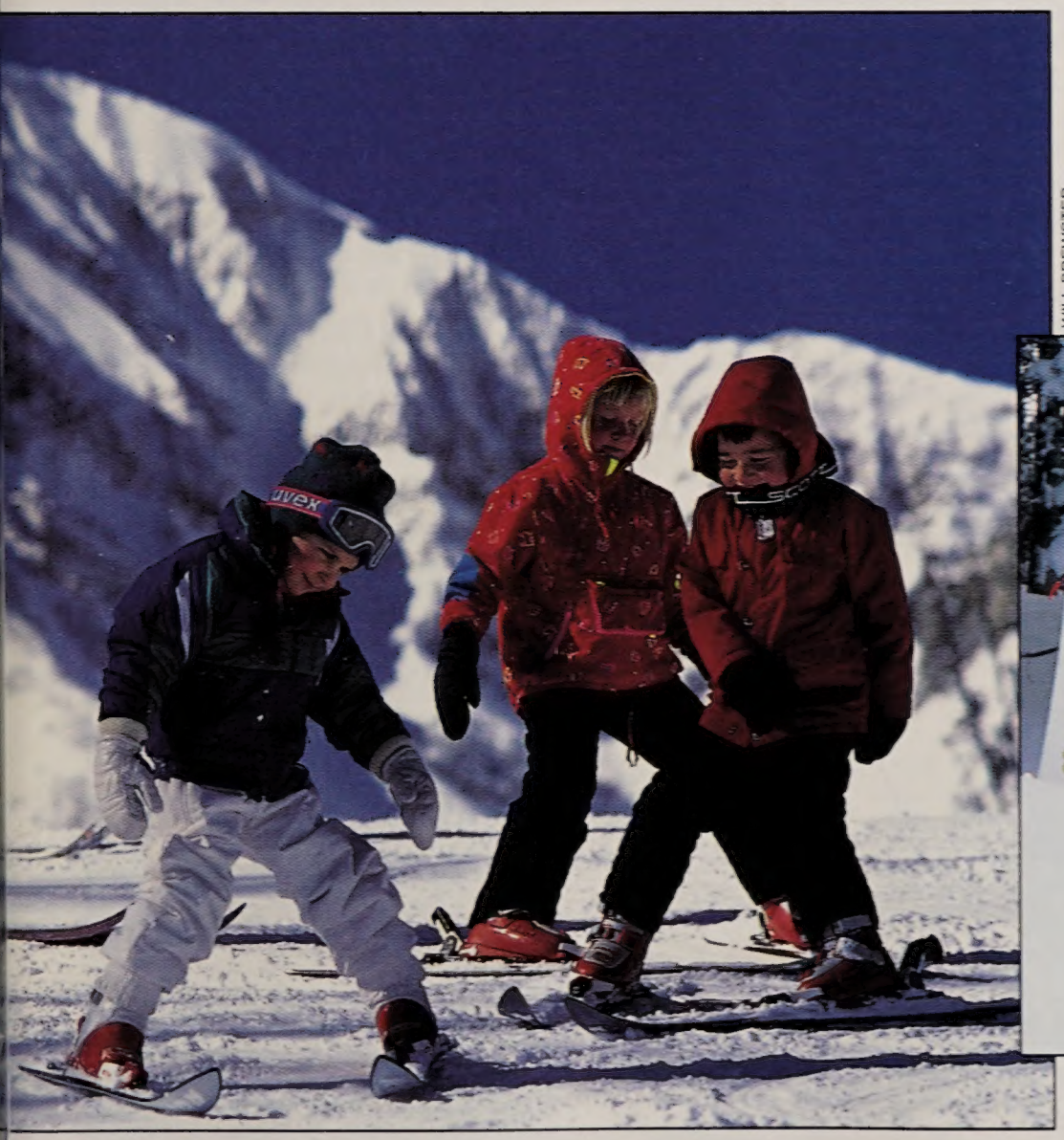
Leave the crowds behind and ski Montana. Through dry, perfect powder. Over challenging moguls. Down thrilling chutes. Or, take a calmer route, along a cruising trail or a gentle slope. In Montana, you set your own pace.

Our 14 ski areas range from world-class destination resorts with all the amenities to classic day-use areas that make you feel like family. Our four largest resorts offer more skiable terrain than Aspen; regardless of size, they all provide superb skiing.

All of our resorts and day-use areas welcome families, and many provide day care and all-day ski camps. We have expert, friendly ski instructors who turn tiny tots into skillful skiers—and provide a whole lot of fun on the way.

Snowboarders and telemarkers are welcome too. It's uncommon variety. It's Montana.

We spice up the skiing with ongoing celebrations such as torchlight parades, winter and spring carnivals, downhill races, and just-for-fun events like snowboard races, skolf tournaments and snow dances. You can also enjoy barbecues, gourmet sleigh-ride dinners, ice skating, and luxurious soaks in jacuzzis and heated outdoor pools. And wherever you go, don't be surprised to encounter elk, deer and bighorn sheep. They're just wild about Montana winters.



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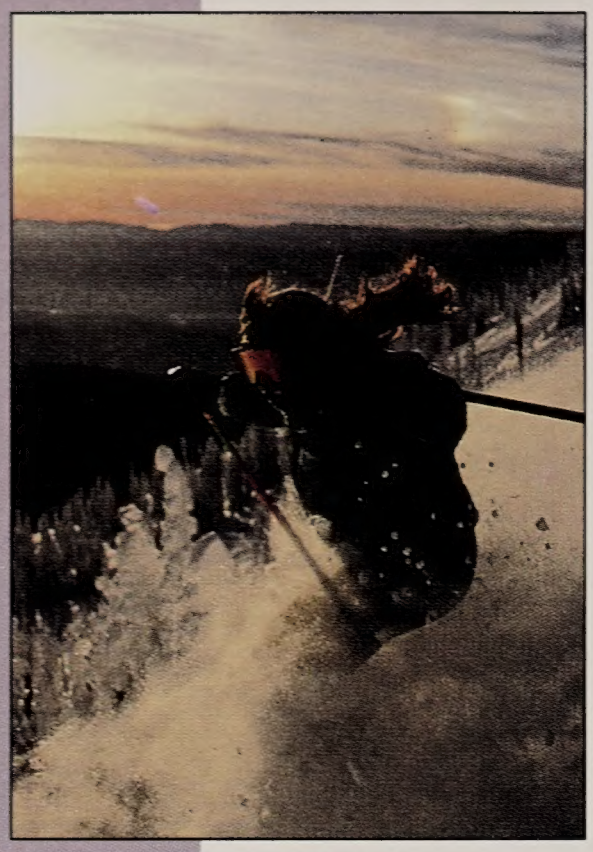

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BIG MOUNTAIN SKI & SUMMER RESORT

At The Big Mountain, we believe skiing should be Big Fun. And when it comes to warm welcomes and fantastic family vacations, we're in a class by ourselves. BIG CHOICE. Whether you've never skied a day in your life, are looking for deep powder bowls and steep terrain, or enjoy testing your skills on miles of impeccably groomed trails, you'll find what you love at The Big Mountain. And after a day of skiing with our magical snow ghosts, you'll find our village full of friendly Montana good times.

BASE ELEVATION
4,700 ft.

TOP ELEVATION
7,000 ft.

VERTICAL DROP
2,300 ft.

LONGEST RUN
2.5 miles

LIFT CAPACITY
11,684 skiers/hr

ANNUAL SNOWFALL
(avg.) 300 in.

FACILITIES: The Big Mountain Alpine Village, with slopeside or ski-to accommodations for up to 1,500 people, has restaurants, casinos, shopping, day care, a ski shop and ski school and an 8 km Nordic Center. Or shuttle to neighboring Whitefish or Kalispell for more activities. The Summit House with spectacular panoramic views of Glacier National Park.

LOCATION: 8 miles from Whitefish and 9 miles north of the Kalispell airport. Fly Delta or Horizon Air with daily service to Kalispell. Amtrak services Whitefish from the east and west. With confirmed reservations, skiers are met at the airport or train depot. Rental cars, taxis available.

SEASON: November 26 to April 18 (late November to mid-April). Open daily 9:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Night skiing mid-December through March, Wednesday-Sunday, 4:30 P.M.-10:00 P.M.

TRAILS & SLOPES: 54 marked runs and unlimited tree skiing on 3,000 acres in the Flathead National Forest. 25% beginner, 55% intermediate, 20% advanced. Snowboarders, telemark and mono skiers welcome.

LIFTS: 1 new Quad; 1 high-speed detachable quad chairlift with gondolas for evening use; 4 triple chairs; 1 double chair; 1 T-bar; 1 platter lift.

LIFT RATES: Adult, $30; junior (13-18), $23; senior (62+), $23; child (7-12), $16. Adult night, $10; juniors & seniors night, $8; child night, $7. Children 6 and under FREE. Platter lift FREE. Multi-day and special group ticket rates.

SKI INSTRUCTION: 2-hour group lesson, $20; 1-hour private lesson, $45; adult first timers half-day lesson and lift, half-day, $18. Skill builder packages; Kids Ski School; snowboard, telemark and cross-country lessons. Weekly specialty clinics.

RENTALS: Adult (skis, boots, poles), $15/day; children under 6 and seniors, half price. Nordic equipment, $14. Snowboards, $25.

EVENTS: Doug Smith Western Region Downhill Series, Whitefish Winter Carnival, USSA Bump Bash Competition, Advanced Skiing Seminar, WinterFest, Molson Golden Ski Challenge, Big Mountain/Doug Betters Winter Classic, Beach Party Weekend, Snow Leopard Mountain Bike Slalom Race, Torch Light Parades. We also have Cat skiing, and The Big Mountain Host Program with free mountain tours.

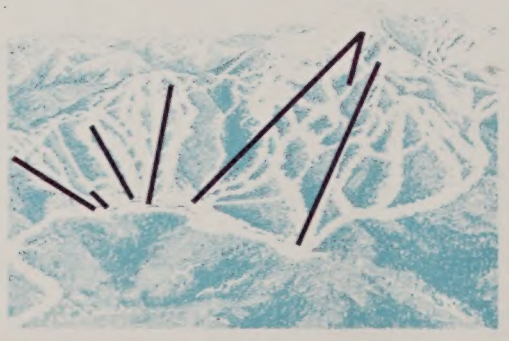
For more information, write:
Big Mountain
P.O. Box 1400
Whitefish, MT 59937
or call:
406-862-3511 in Montana,
For lodging reservations, call
800-858-5439 in U.S.
and Canada.

5 days skiing / 5 nights lodging, economy lodging starts at

$310

per person, double occupancy. Reservations can provide this.

Deluxe lodging starts at $415/person, double occupancy. Rates do not include state accommodation tax. American Meal Plan Packages available in some lodges. Custom packages available upon request.



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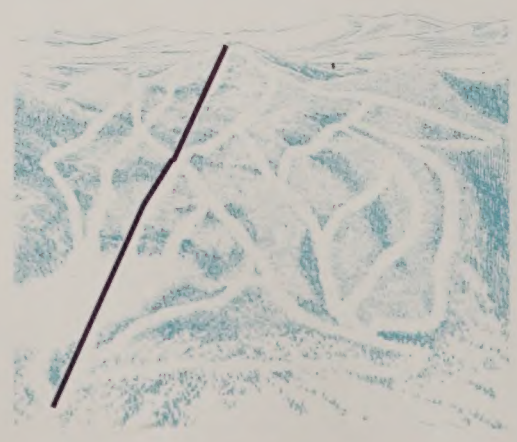
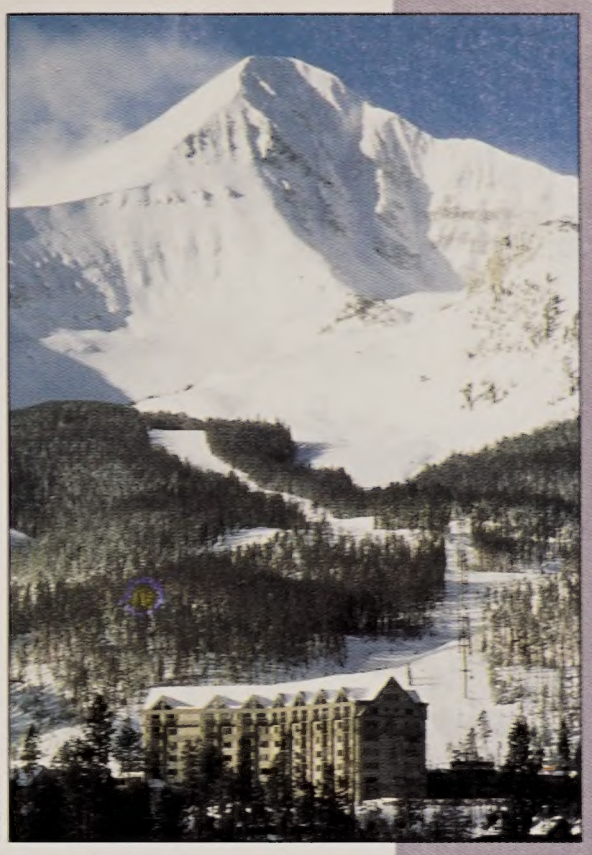


BACK SIDE

BIG SKY SKI & SUMMER RESORT

Big Sky. The very name echoes the nickname of the state of Montana. When you see the majestic peaks, rushing rivers and fine amenities at Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort, you can be confident that you're enjoying the best a single location has to offer. From the bighorn sheep at the entrance to the friendly local folks, the Big Sky experience is truly a memorable one. Get some tips from the Austrian and American ski instructors. Let the kids enjoy free skiing. Big Sky's slopeside lodging, variety of entertainment, fine dining and new conference center make it the ideal mountain resort.



BIG SKY

FACILITIES: Big Sky is Montana's most complete destination resort with more than 1,000 rooms and condominium units. Big Sky consists of Mountain Village and Meadow Village located 6 miles apart. Regular shuttles between both villages and the ski area. Daily shuttles to Yellowstone National Park. Nordic skiing is available at nearby Lone Mountain Ranch. Shopping, gourmet sleigh-ride dinners, ski movies, dancing, lighthearted poker games (poker is legal in Montana!), outdoor heated pools, jacuzzis and saunas. 15 restaurants and 11 night spots in the area.

LOCATION: In the Gallatin Canyon, 43 miles south of Bozeman on U.S. Highway 191 and just 18 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. Continental, Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest provide daily jet service to Bozeman airport. Regularly scheduled shuttles meet most major flights. Rental cars and taxis available.

SEASON: Mid-November to mid-April. Open daily 9 A.M.-4 P.M. Night skiing December 26-March 31. 4 P.M.-9 P.M.

TRAILS & SLOPES: Two mountains with 55 trails on more than 2,000 acres. 20% beginner, 50% intermediate, 30% expert. Big Sky has snowmaking capability to ensure quality conditions.

LIFTS: New high-speed detachable quad chairlift; 2 high-speed detachable 4-passenger enclosed gondolas; 3 double chairs; 2 triple chairs, including Southern Comfort servicing 5 new runs; and 2 surface tows.

LIFT RATES: Adult, $35; children 10 and under ski free, two per paying adult.

SKI INSTRUCTION: 2-hour group lessons, adult or child, $20. Children's Ski Day Camp combines activities, healthy meals and skill improvement, $35/day. Beginner ski packages for first-time skiers, including rental equipment, lesson and rope tow tickets, $30, adult or child.

RENTALS: $19/day. High-performance equipment is also available at any of Big Sky's 3 ski shops. Discounts available for 3 or more consecutive day rentals at Boyne Country Ski Rental & Repair. Snowboarding equipment and lessons are available.

EVENTS: Medical seminars and ski club groups throughout winter; Winter Carnival, second weekend in January; Dirt Bag Ball, late February.

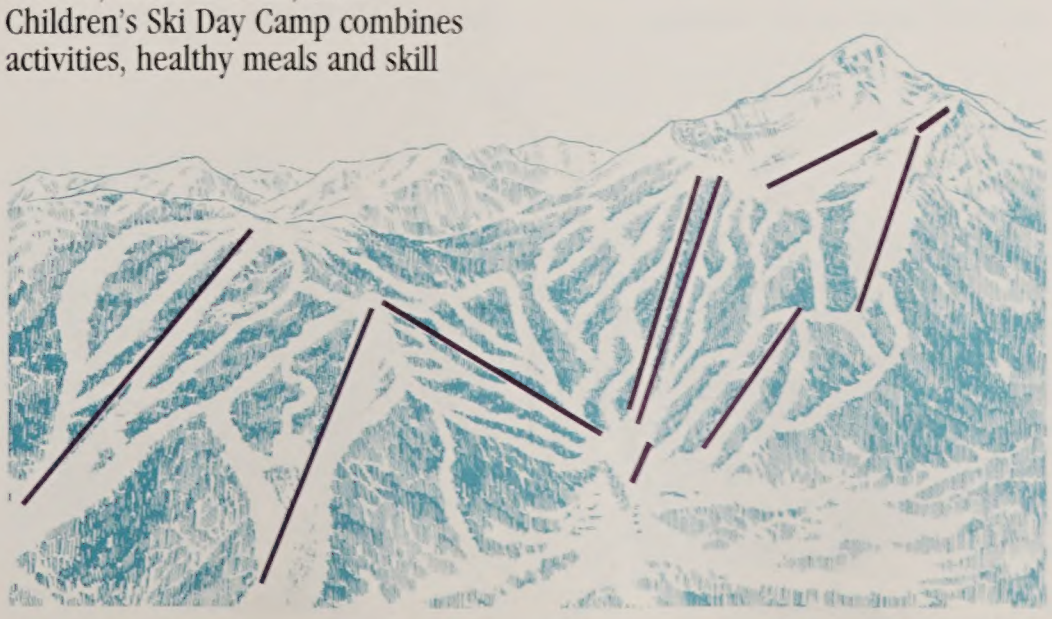
For more information, write:
Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort
P.O. Box 160001
Big Sky, MT 59716
or call: 800-548-4486 or
406-995-4211 local & Canada
for reservations.

Monday-Tuesday: 2 nights, 2 days skiing, double occupancy. First-class lodging at Huntley Lodge starts at

$107

per person.

RESTRICTIONS APPLY.
Please inquire about these and other packages as well as condominiums.



BASE ELEVATION
6,970 ft.

TOP ELEVATION
10,000 ft.

VERTICAL DROP
3,030 ft.

LONGEST RUN
3 miles

LIFT CAPACITY
11,100 skiers/hr

ANNUAL SNOWFALL
(avg.) 400 in.

GORDON WILTSIE

BRIDGER BOWL

Sun Dogs and Powder Hounds ski Bridger Bowl. We have a mountain of sensational contrasts! Feel the radiant warmth of our western sun while skiing snow as light as goose down! Submerge into deep powder, emerge onto finely groomed snow. See breathtaking, white peaks penetrating a cobalt blue sky. Explore a big mountain with small lift lines accessing long runs and wide open spaces. Enjoy a place where smiling faces are a natural resource. Experience world-class skiing at incredibly low prices... Ski Bridger Bowl!

BASE ELEVATION
6,100 ft.

TOP ELEVATION
8,100 ft.

VERTICAL DROP
2,000 ft.

LONGEST RUN
2.5 miles

LIFT CAPACITY
5,100 skiers/hr

ANNUAL SNOWFALL
(avg.) 400 in.

FACILITIES: At the area there is a new base lodge with cafeteria, full-service bar, day care center and ski school, 2 rental shops, sandwich shop and beer stube and a mid-mountain chalet with food service, beer and wine.

LOCATION: Only 16 scenic miles northeast of Bozeman, a small sporting town with big city amenities. Fly into Bozeman on Continental, Delta, Horizon Air or Northwest airlines. Car rental or daily shuttle bus service available.

SEASON: December 11-April 11. Open daily 9 A.M.-4 P.M.

SNOWMAKING: Lower slopes.

TRAILS & SLOPES: State-of-the-art "mogul-cutter" grooming program in Montana provides intermediate and advanced skiers with smooth runs through fields of moguls. Bridger Bowl offers over 50 runs with expansive bowls, powder glades, winding trails and groomed slopes on 2,000 acres in the Gallatin National Forest. Nearly one-third of Bridger's 800 acres of lift-accessible skiing terrain is groomed.

LIFTS: 5 double chairs; 1 pony lift.

LIFT RATES: Adults, $23; children, $10; seniors, $15.

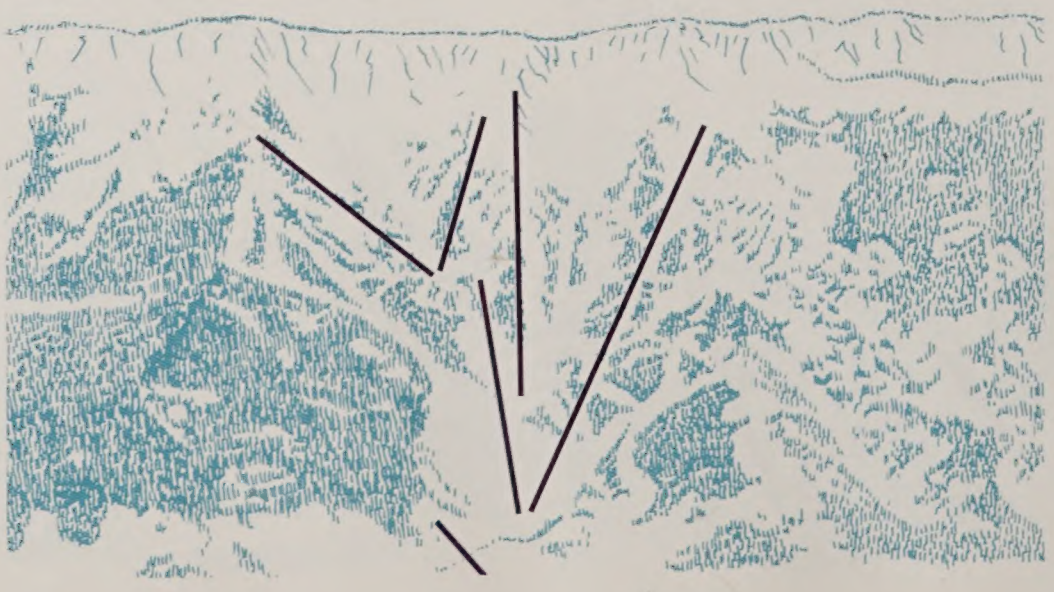
SKI INSTRUCTION: Alpine, telemark and snowboarding, group lessons, $20 (approx. 2 hours); private lessons, $45/hour. PSIA certified instructors.

ADAPTIVE SKI PROGRAM: Eagle Ski is an adaptive ski instruction program for people with special needs.

RENTALS: 2 sales and rental shops on the mountain. Complete packages start at $13/day; other equipment and rentals available in Bozeman.

SNOWBOARDING: Welcomed. Rental equipment, lessons available.

EVENTS: Torchlight Parade, December 30; Bridger Bowl's Birthday Party, January 15; Powder 8's Competition, February 14; Wild West Shred O' Fest Snowboard Competition, February 27-28; Molson's Ski Challenge, March 6-7; Bridger Bowl Bump-Off Freestyle Competition, March 21; Pinhead Classic–Telemark Race in Costume, March 27; Ski Caribe Weekend, March 27-28; Double Pole, Pad & Pedal–Alpine, Nordic, Run & Cycle Event, April 11. (Some event dates may change.)



For more information, write:
Bridger Bowl Ski Area
15795 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715.
For reservations call
800-223-9609 in the U.S. and Canada, or 406-587-2111.
Snow-phone 406-586-2389.

3 nights/3 days All Season Special

$100

quad occupancy, includes lodging and lift tickets.

$130

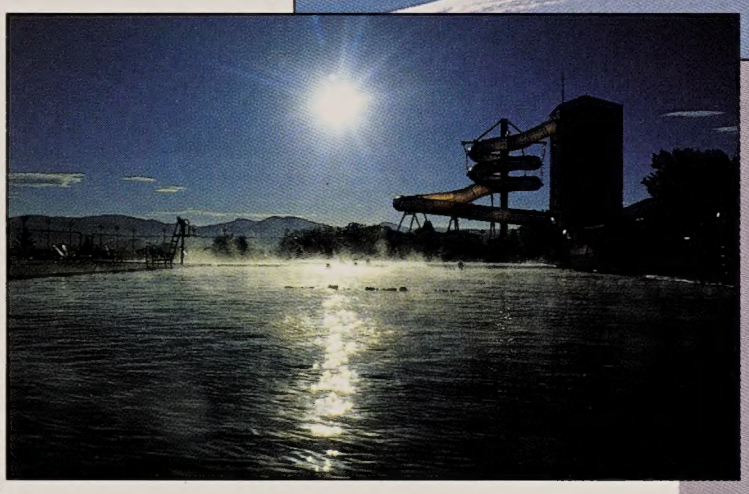
double occupancy, includes lodging and lift tickets.

Several packages available with a variety of motels, condos, private homes, bed & breakfast inns from which to choose.

DISCOVERY BASIN
FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS RESORT

Nestled near the Anaconda/Pintler Wilderness Area of southwestern Montana, you'll find Discovery Basin ski area and a "funtastic" resort known for its recreational bounty and unique western hospitality. Make your ski weekend vacation more than just memorable. After a day on the slopes at Discovery Basin, recover in the soaking pools or swim in the 2 Olympic-size pools filled from Fairmont's naturally hot, spring water. You can continue the skiing thrills with a ride on Fairmont's 350-foot enclosed water slide.

MARY BALL



WAYNE SCHERR

FACILITIES: Fairmont features a coffee shop, dining room, casino and lounge with dancing and live entertainment. On the slopes at Discovery, you'll find a day lodge with food and beverage service, ski shop, rental shop and ski school.

LOCATION: Discovery Basin is 32 miles west of Fairmont, 20 miles west of Anaconda, 45 miles west of Butte on Montana Highway 1 off Interstate 90. Fly to Butte on Delta or Horizon Air. Rental cars, taxi and airport shuttle available to/from Fairmont upon request.

SEASON: Thanksgiving through Easter, open daily 9:30 A.M.-4 P.M.

TRAILS & SLOPES: 30 runs (360 acres of skiing) in the Deerlodge National Forest. 33% novice, 33% intermediate, 33% expert.

LIFTS: 3 double chairlifts; 2 pony lifts.

LIFT RATES: All-day adult, $18; all-day child (under 12)/senior, $9; half-day (begins at 12:30 P.M.), $13.50. Inquire about special group rates. All major credit cards accepted.

SKI INSTRUCTION: All-day, $20; half-day, $12; private, $25/hour.

RENTALS: Alpine, nordic and snowboard rentals available in all sizes. Ski rentals, $11/day; snowboards, $20/day.

SALES: Ski accessories and gifts available at Noel's Sport Shop.

SKI TOURING: 5K groomed trails, miles of ungroomed touring trails. Rentals/lessons available.

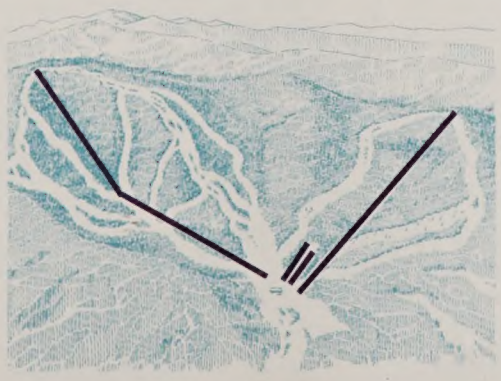
EVENTS: Winternational; John Mollish Memorial Ski Race for Boys and Girls; annual races sponsored by Pepsi.

For ski information:
Discovery Basin Ski Corporation
P.O. Box 221
Anaconda, MT 59711
or call 406-563-2184.

For lodging and package information, write:
Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
1500 Fairmont Road
Anaconda, MT 59711.
Or call: 800-332-3272 in MT or 800-443-2381 out-of-state.

$175

2 nights/double occupancy
(includes 4 lift tickets and 4 water slide passes)
800-332-3272 in Montana
or nationwide 800-443-2381



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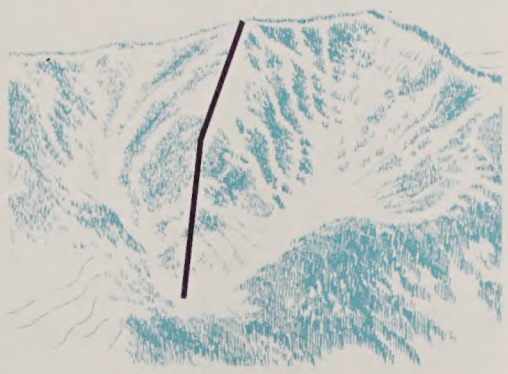


LIMELIGHT

BASE ELEVATION
6,850 ft.

TOP ELEVATION
8,150 ft.

VERTICAL DROP
1,300 ft.

LONGEST RUN
2 miles

LIFT CAPACITY
3,400 skiers/hr

ANNUAL SNOWFALL
(avg.) 200 in.

JAMES WHITLOCK

LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN

Ski Montana's greatest snowplace! Lost Trail Powder Mountain, well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions. Located on the scenic Bitterroot Mountain Range, skiers have continued to enjoy this friendly western Montana resort for over fifty years.

FACILITIES: Lost Trail offers a variety of skiing on groomed and powder runs and a large, friendly day lodge with a full-service cafeteria. Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast and Lost Trail Hot Springs with pool, jacuzzi and sauna, are located nearby.

LOCATION: Easy access on U.S. Highway 93, 90 miles south of Missoula, at Montana-Idaho border. Delta, Northwest, Horizon Air and Continental airlines fly into Missoula.

SEASON: December to April 15, Thursday-Sunday and holidays. Open 9:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

TRAILS & SLOPES: 18 runs and trails. 20% beginner, 60% intermediate, 20% advanced, all in the Bitterroot National Forest.

LIFTS: 2 double chairs; 2 rope tows.

LIFT RATES: Adult full-day, $15; half-day, $11. Child (12 & under) full-day, $8; half-day, $6; rope tow, $3. Children 5 and under ski free. Group rates available.

LESSONS: Ski patrol and PSIA-certified ski school. Inquire about beginner, individual, and group rates.

RENTALS: Ski shop with rentals, equipment and accessories.

SNOWBOARDING & TELEMARK: Snowboarders are welcome. Telemark ski our slopes or use the area cross-country trails.

EVENTS: Learn-To-Ski Month, January; Mogul Freestyle Race, Montana Special Olympics, February; Pepsi Family Race Day, late March; Spring Steak Fry, late April; End-of-Season Luau, closing day.

For more information, write:
Lost Trail Powder Mountain
P.O. Box 191
Darby, MT 59829
or call: 406-821-3211
or 821-3508.

BASE ELEVATION
6,600 ft.

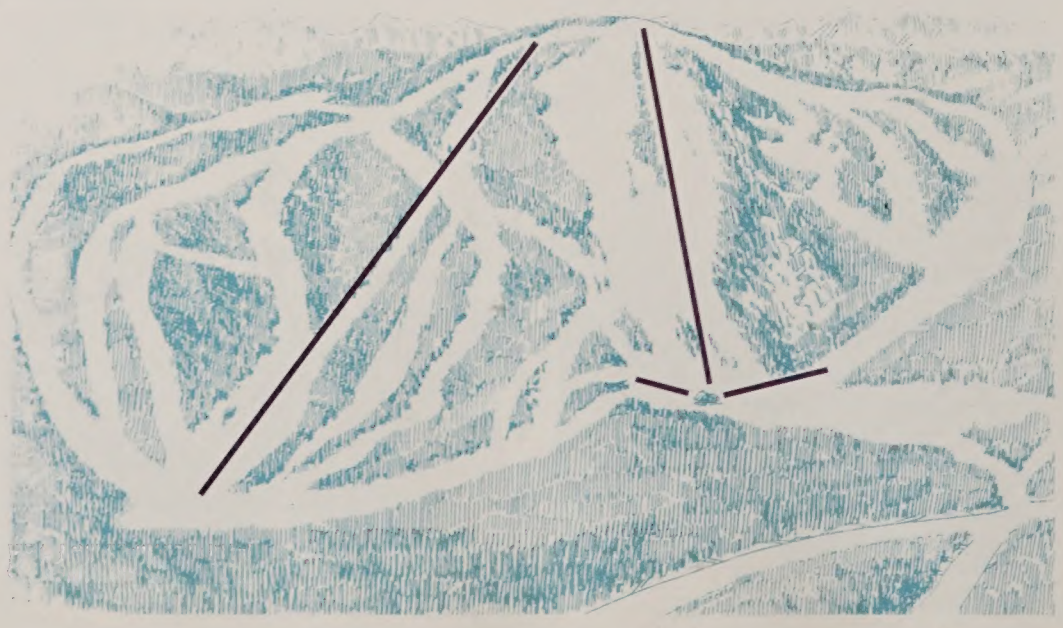
TOP ELEVATION
7,800 ft.

VERTICAL DROP
1,200 ft.

LONGEST RUN
2.5 miles

LIFT CAPACITY
1,925 skiers/hr

ANNUAL SNOWFALL
(avg.) 300 in.



Two days skiing, two nights lodging, based on double occupancy.

$80

per person.

Special family rates.
Custom designed individual and group packages available.

MONTANA SNOWBOWL

The heart and soul of the bowl challenge. Deep, powdery, natural bowls have been Snowbowl's trademark throughout the years. Although many miles of cruising runs are groomed nightly to provide all skill levels with a wide variety of skiing, Snowbowl still has some of the most exciting and challenging ski slopes in North America. Battle the Grizzly, play in the powder of Angel Face and the East Bowls, or shred the Chicken Chute. With 2,600 feet of skiable vertical drop, there is an altitude adjustment at every turn. With the Bowl's uncrowded slopes, the 850 acres of skiable terrain are yours to fully enjoy.

SCOTT SPIKER

FACILITIES: The Last Run Inn Saloon, base lodge with a full-service cafeteria, nursery, rental shop, the Grizzly Chalet at mid-mountain and the Cherry House on top.

LOCATION: 12 miles northwest of Missoula, home of the University of Montana. Take the Reserve Street exit off I-90, then north on Grant Creek Road, then left onto Snowbowl Road. Missoula features 2,000 rooms and 150 lounges and restaurants, with enough excitement to keep you going for days. Northwest, Delta, Continental and Horizon Air serve Missoula's International Airport.

SEASON: Late November to mid-April. Open Wednesday-Monday.

TRAILS & SLOPES: More than 30 trails and groomed runs, open powder bowls and tree skiing; located on 1,100 acres in the Lolo National Forest. 20% beginner and novice, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced and expert.

LIFTS: Two double chairs, 1 T-bar, 1 beginner tow.

LIFT RATES: Adult, $21; child, $9.75; senior, student and half-day rates available. Children 5 and under and beginner tow are free.

SKI INSTRUCTION: PSIA-certified instructors. 2-hour adult group lesson, $14; 1-hour adult private lesson, $25; package for beginners, includes lift, lesson and rental, $21.50; Pee-Wee private lessons, $12; day care/ski school for children 3-6 years, includes equipment, lesson, lift ticket and lunch, $22.50.

RENTALS: Complete alpine package, $12.50/day. Snowboards, $18/day. Separate rates available. Ski accessories for sale.

SNOWBOARDING: Snowbowl has ideal terrain for snowboard skiing including a "half pipe." Snowboarders are welcome. Rentals and lessons are available at the area.

SKI TOURING: Telemark skiers welcome. Several maintained cross-country trails available near Missoula.

EVENTS: Pepsi Sport Racing every Saturday; Northern Division Freestyle Series, January 2-3; Snowboard Jam, February 6-7; National Gelande Jump Championship, February 27-28; Northern Division Freestyle Championship, March 6-7; Snowbowl Triathlon, March 14; Best of the Bowl Race, March 21; Ski-Golf Tournament, March 28.

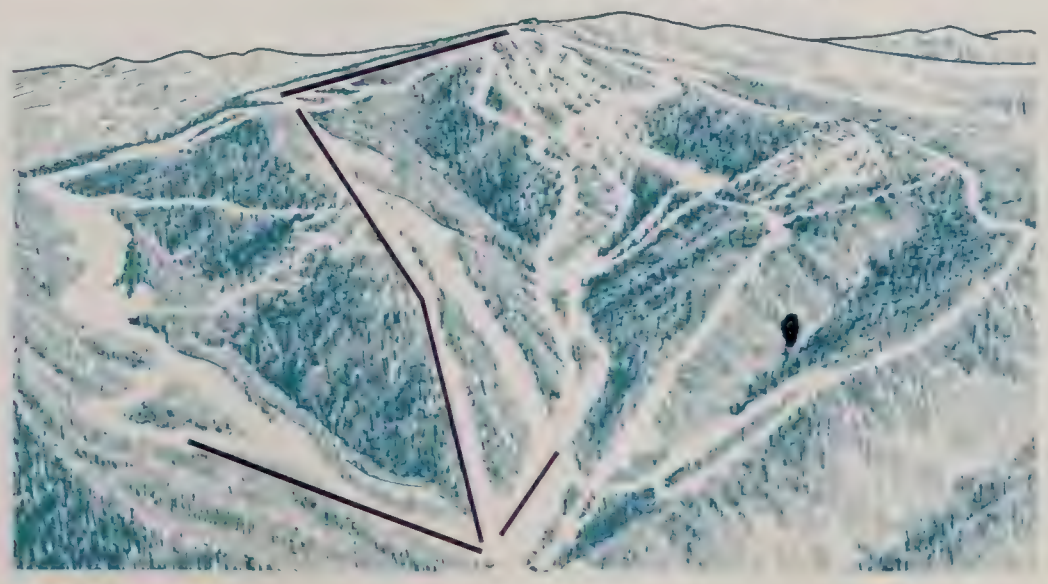
For more information, write:
Montana Snowbowl
P.O. Box 8226
Missoula, MT 59807
or call: 406-549-9777.

2 days skiing, 2 nights lodging, double occupancy starts at

$64

per person.

Group packages as low as $28.50/person/night for stays of 2 or more nights in groups of 6 or more. Packages with a wide variety of accommodations are available. Please call or write.



BASE ELEVATION
5,000 ft.

TOP ELEVATION
7,600 ft.

VERTICAL DROP
2,600 ft.

LONGEST RUN
3 miles

LIFT CAPACITY
2,600 skiers/hr

ANNUAL SNOWFALL
(avg.) 300 in.

GORDON WILTSIE

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

Skiing Red Lodge will be a memorable family vacation. There's terrain to suit everyone–from the wide-open, gentle terrain of "Miami Beach" to 2.5-mile cruiser "Lazy M" and the challenging chutes of "Drainage." Famous for great spring skiing, Red Lodge averages over 250 inches of snow during the season, yet 5 of every 7 days are sunny. Kids love our SKI WEE program and Central Reservations make arranging your trip a breeze. While you're here, shop the unique stores that line the Victorian Main Street, relax during a horse-drawn sleigh ride or cross-country ski by moonlight. Set your own pace at Red Lodge Mountain.

FACILITIES: The mountain offers a ski rental and repair shop, a ski accessory and gift shop, 7 days-a-week ski school, SKI WEE program, 2 cafeterias, 1 saloon/restaurant, 1 beer and wine restaurant, Central Reservations, and friendly people.

LOCATION: 1-hour drive, via I-90 then U.S. Hwy 212, from Billings with no mountain passes. Billings Logan International Airport is served by over 50 flights daily on Northwest, Delta, United, Continental, Big Sky, Horizon and Sky West. Nonstop jet service daily to and from Minneapolis/St. Paul. Rental cars available at the airport. Free shuttle to ski area.

SEASON: Late November to April 11. Open daily 9 A.M.-4 P.M.

TRAILS & SLOPES: Over 30 slopes, trails and open meadows covering 25 miles on 500 acres in Montana's Custer National Forest. 15% novice, 60% intermediate, 25% expert. Snowmaking assures good conditions in early season.

LIFTS: 4 double chairs, 1 triple chair, 1 mitey-mite.

LIFT RATES: Adult, $23; child 12 and under, $10; senior, $16. Group rates. All major credit cards accepted. Beginning January 11, Mondays and Tuesdays are discount days, $14 lift tickets.

SKI INSTRUCTION: 50 PSIA-certified ski instructors. 1-hour group lessons, $14; private lessons, $30/hour; snowboard lessons, $25/hour. First-timers package: $18 for anyone 7 years or older, includes lift ticket, rental and a 1-hour lesson. Inquire about other learners' packages. SKI WEE program for 3- to 6-year-olds includes equipment, lift privileges, lessons, snacks, crafts and supervision. All day, $30; half-day, $25.

RENTALS: Adult, $13; children 12 and under, $9. Demo/performance skis, $25/day. Discounts for 2 or more consecutive days. Telemark and snowboard skiers welcome. Equipment in the area.

EVENTS: Learn to Ski Free Day, January 15; Winter Carnival, March 6; 3 Jump Jackpot, April 10-11.

For more information, write:
Red Lodge Mountain
P.O. Box 750
Red Lodge, MT 59068
or call: 406-446-2610.
For accommodations and recreation packages, call 800-444-8977 in U.S. & Canada.

Christmas package (Dec. 12-Jan. 3): 4 days skiing, 4 nights lodging with family sleigh ride.

$146 adult $98 child

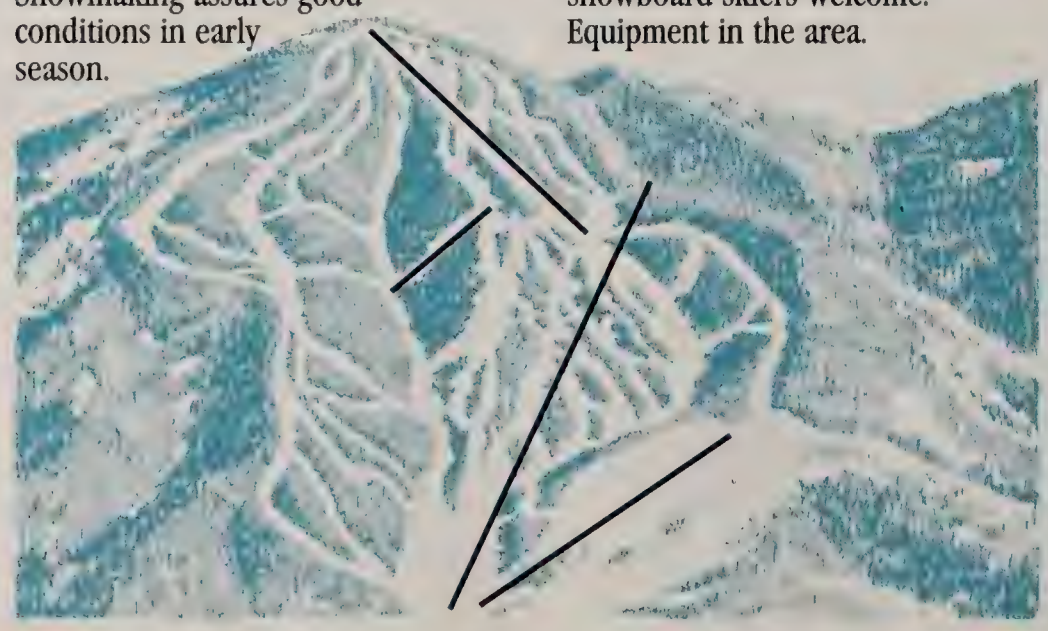
Packages with air starting as low as

$449

including lodging, lift tickets, breakfast, rental car, sleigh ride and air.

Ask about packages with snowmobiling in Yellowstone Park.

Red Lodge Central Reservations can custom build packages for your family or group. Call 800-444-8977 (U.S. and Canada).



BASE ELEVATION
7,400 ft.

TOP ELEVATION
9,416 ft.

VERTICAL DROP
2,016 ft.

LONGEST RUN
2.5 miles

LIFT CAPACITY
6,690 skiers/hr.

ANNUAL SNOWFALL
(avg.) 250 in.

SHOWDOWN

Hidden in the Little Belt Mountains of the northern Rockies is a ski area so friendly and pristine, you will think it is your own private resort! Showdown is a favorite among skiing families, offering something for everyone. Challenging slopes with deep powder are complemented by beginner and intermediate runs that are groomed regularly, allowing skiers of all abilities to enjoy Showdown's legendary snow. The Lewis & Clark National Forest offers visitors 200 miles of groomed trails to enjoy cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Come visit and see why skiers have loved Showdown for more than 50 years!

SHOWDOWN

Facilities: Certified ski school, professional ski patrol, ski rental shop, nursery, full service cafeteria, Hole-In-The-Wall Saloon and pro shop.

Location: U.S. Highway 89, 8 miles south of Neihart, 60 miles southeast of Great Falls and 30 miles north of White Sulphur Springs. Fly to Great Falls and rent a car.

Season: Late November through early April. Open Wednesday through Sunday. Open every day during Christmas holidays, December 19-January 3 (except Christmas day). Also open January 18 and February 15, 1993.

Trails & Slopes: 34 runs on forest-lined trails, open slopes and glades in the Lewis & Clark National Forest. 30% beginner, 40% intermediate, 30% expert.

Lifts: 1 triple chair, 1 double chair, 1 poma-lift, 1 rope tow.

Lift Rates: Adult, $20; Junior (6-12), $15; Senior (70 and over), $15; children 5 and under ski free, and the rope tow is also free.

Ski Instruction: PSIA Ski School. Alpine and snowboard 2-hour class lesson, $13; 1-hour private lesson, $25. First-timers package for anyone 7 years and older, $27, includes 2-hour class lesson, all-day rental and a poma ticket. SKI WEE for kids ages 3 through 6, $25/half-day, $35/full-day. SKI WEE includes a 2-hour or 4-hour children's lesson. Rental equipment and lift ticket are included if needed.

Rentals: Downhill package, $14/day. Snowboard package, $20/day. High performance downhill package, $20/day. Discounts for 3 or more consecutive day rentals are available.

Events: Pepsi Sport Slalom Challenge every Saturday and Sunday; Regional Special Olympics, January 23; Fireman's Challenge, March 7; Skolf Tournament, March 21; Belt Creek Headwater Relay, March 28; Corporate Cup, April 4.

Lodging Packages: A variety of lodging packages are available at hotels and bed & breakfasts in Neihart, White Sulphur Springs and Great Falls.

For more information, write:
Showdown Ski Area
P.O. Box 92
Neihart, MT 59465
or call: 406-236-5522.
24-hour snow phone
406-771-1300.
Accommodations & reservations 800-433-0022.

3 days skiing/
3 nights lodging

$89

per person.

Based on quad occupancy.
Other packages available.

BASE ELEVATION
6,800 ft.

TOP ELEVATION
8,200 ft.

VERTICAL DROP
1,400 ft.

LIFT CAPACITY
3,000 skiers/hr

ANNUAL SNOWFALL
(avg.) 240 in.

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GREAT DIVIDE

Enjoy the challenge and excitement of a large and complex mountain without the high cost and crowds found at better-known resorts. New this season is the Rawhide Gulch area featuring "Cornices, Cliffs, Chutes & Glades" for thrill-seeking skiers. Night skiing features dinner specials and quick access to Montana's capital city of Helena.

BASE ELEVATION
5,900 ft.

TOP ELEVATION
7,230 ft.

VERTICAL DROP
1,330 ft.

ANNUAL SNOWFALL
(avg.) 150 in.

FACILITIES: New, fully carpeted base lodge. Saloon, cafeteria and supper club. Alpine Outfitters ski shop with clothing and equipment at close-out prices.

LOCATION: 22 miles northwest of Helena just above the lively ghost town of Marysville. Take I-15, exit 200, then west on Hwy. 279 to Marysville Road.

SEASON: Early December to early April. Open every day except Tuesday. Night skiing Thursday-Saturday.

TRAILS & SLOPES: 48 designated trails, 2 open bowls, and Summit Snowfields covering nearly 700 acres of ski-all terrain. 15% easiest, 35% more difficult, 35% most difficult, 15% expert only. Snowmaking.

LIFTS: 2 double chairs; 1 handle tow.

LIFT RATES: Adult, $16; child, $10. Preschoolers (age 5 and under) accompanied by an adult ski free. Discounted rates at noon and 2 P.M. each day. All-day tickets also valid for night skiing. Mondays and Wednesdays–$10 days. Night-skiing-only tickets, $6. Handle tow free.

SKI INSTRUCTION: Group lessons, $15 at 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. daily. Private, $15/hour. Ski rentals half-price with lesson. KIDSKI program for ages 3-6. PSIA-member ski school.

RENTALS: Ski package, $12/day; snowboard package, $16/day.

For more information, write:
Great Divide
P.O. Box SKI
Marysville, MT 59640
or call: 406-449-3746.

JEAN ARTHUR

MAVERICK

Surrounded by the Pioneer Mountain Wilderness Area, Maverick Mountain offers priceless skiing at off-peak prices. Enjoy skiing the way it's meant to be on uncrowded slopes, wide groomed trails, powder runs, and a grand view of the Grasshopper Valley and Pioneer Mountains.

BASE ELEVATION
7,100 ft.

TOP ELEVATION
9,220 ft.

VERTICAL DROP
2,120 ft.

ANNUAL SNOWFALL
(avg.) 140" -215"

LONGEST RUN
2.25 mi.

FACILITIES: Maverick has a cafeteria, wine room and complement of skier services. Food and lodging are just two miles from the slope at Elkhorn Hot Springs offering cabins, meals and soaks in the hot spring pools, Grasshopper Inn with modern motel units, restaurant and lounge, or find comfortable lodging at TownHouse Inns of Dillon.

TRAILS & SLOPES: Located in the Beaverhead National Forest with 14 trails covering 15 miles plus a beginner's slope. 20% novice, 40% intermediate, 40% expert.

LOCATION: Take Rt. 278 west of Dillon, 35 miles off Interstate 15. Turn onto Polaris Road - north 13 miles into the Grasshopper Valley.

LIFTS: 1 double chair; 1 pony lift.

LIFT RATES: Thursday-Sunday and holidays all-day adult, $16. All-day junior, $10. **$5 all-day on Thursday.**

LESSONS: PSIA certified ski school with 18 instructors available for private or group lessons. Starting package includes $15 ski rental, lesson and lift.

RENTALS: Complete rental shop with rates starting at $12 a day.

SNOWBOARDING & TELEMARK: Snowboarders, telemarkers welcome. Snowboard rentals available.

EVENTS: Torchlight Parade, December 31; Western Winter Games, January 16-17; Winter Nationals Downhill Skiing Competition, March 6-7.

For more information, write:
Maverick Mountain
Polaris, MT 59746
or call: 406-834-3454.

EAGLE SKI MONTANA

Bridger Bowl • Red Lodge Mountain • Showdown

Adaptive ski program for children and adults.

EAGLE MOUNT

Eagle Ski offers an adaptive ski program to disabled children and adults. Individuals are taught to downhill and/or cross-country ski with the use of specially adapted equipment and techniques. Lessons are taught on a one-to-one basis with two or more instructors when necessary.

While instruction technique is generalized per type of disability, each student's uniqueness is addressed. The program is equipped to deal with both the severely physically disabled person and the student who can follow simple instructions with limited motor skills. Involved in the program are persons with disabilities such as: cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, visual impairment, amputations, spinal cord injuries and developmental disabilities. Safety is of utmost importance with fun running a close second.

For more information, write:
Eagle Ski-Bridger Bowl
6901 Goldenstein Lane
Bozeman, MT 59715
or call: 406-586-1781

Eagle Ski-Red Lodge Mountain
2822 3rd Ave. N. #204
Billings, MT 59101
or call: 406-245-5422

Eagle Ski-Showdown
4237 2nd Ave. N.
Great Falls, MT 59401
or call: 406-454-1449

For Montana Ski Reports and Travel Information, call 800-541-1447 (out-of-state) or 406-444-2654 (in-state).

Montana Travel Guides

The following publications are available free from Travel Montana 800-541-1447 (out-of-state), 406-444-2654 (in-state).

MONTANA FISHING GUIDE
A colorful 16-page guide to Montana's waters, game fish and angling opportunities, with detailed maps.

MONTANA GOLF GUIDE
A brochure listing over 70 of Montana's public and private courses.

MONTANA LODGING GUIDE
A directory of motels, hotels, bed & breakfast inns, ranches, resorts, hostels and hot springs.

MONTANA HIGHWAY MAP
A colorful 35" x 18" detailed map of Montana, including mileage chart.

MONTANA RECREATION GUIDE
A directory of public and private campgrounds and outfitters. Information on state/federal agencies that manage recreational lands.

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DOWNHILL SKI REFERENCE CHART

Locations
See the map on pages 18-19 of this guide for locations. Consult individual ski area listings for more information.

***Lifts**
Q – high-speed quad chair
G – high-speed detachable gondola
T – triple
D – double
S – surface

****Rates**
Rates subject to change. Other rates may be available including junior, senior, group, night skiing and packages. Special restrictions may apply. Consult the ski area for more information.

N/A
Information not available

Ski Area	Avg. Snowfall	Vertical Drop	Base Elevation	Top Elevation	Lift Capacity/Hr.	Lifts*	Runs	% Beginner	% Intermediate	% Advanced	Adult Rates**	Children Rates**
Bear Paw Ski Bowl Havre (406) 265-8404	N/A	900	4,200	5,280	720	1D 1S	9	25	25	50	$11	$8
Big Mountain Whitefish (406) 862-3511	300	2,300	4,700	7,000	11,684	2Q 2S 1D 4T	54	25	55	20	$30	$23
Big Sky Big Sky (406) 995-4211	400	3,030	6,970	10,000	11,100	1Q 2G 3D 2T 2S	55	20	50	30	$35	10 & Under Free
Bridger Bowl Bozeman (406) 587-2111	400	2,000	6,100	8,100	5,100	5D 1S	50	25	35	40	$23	$10
Discovery Basin Anaconda (406) 563-2184	200	1,300	6,850	8,150	3,400	3D 2S	30	33	33	33	$18	$9
Great Divide Marysville (406) 449-3746	150	1,330	5,900	7,230	2,000	2D 1S	51	15	35	50	$16	$10
Lost Trail Powder Mtn. Darby (406) 821-3211	300	1,200	6,600	7,800	1,925	2D 2S	14	20	60	20	$15	$8
Marshall Ski Area Missoula (406) 258-6619	150	1,500	3,900	5,400	2,900	1T 3S	7	10	74	10	$16	$10
Maverick Mountain Dillon (406) 834-3454	140	2,120	7,100	9,220	700	1D 1S	12	20	40	40	$16	$10
Montana Snowbowl Missoula (406) 549-9777	300	2,600	5,000	7,600	2,600	2D 2S	32	20	40	40	$21	$9.75
Red Lodge Mountain Red Lodge (406) 446-2610	250	2,016	7,400	9,416	6,690	4D 1T 1S	30	15	60	25	$23	$10
Rocky Mountain Hi Choteau (406) 466-2422	300	995	6,400	7,400	1,000	1D 2S	25	20	50	30	$16	$12
Showdown Ski Area Neihart (406) 236-5522	240	1,400	6,800	8,200	3,000	1T 2S 1D	34	30	40	30	$20	$15
Turner Mountain Libby (406) 293-3832	200	2,165	3,835	6,000	1,000	1S	9	5	25	70	$13	$10

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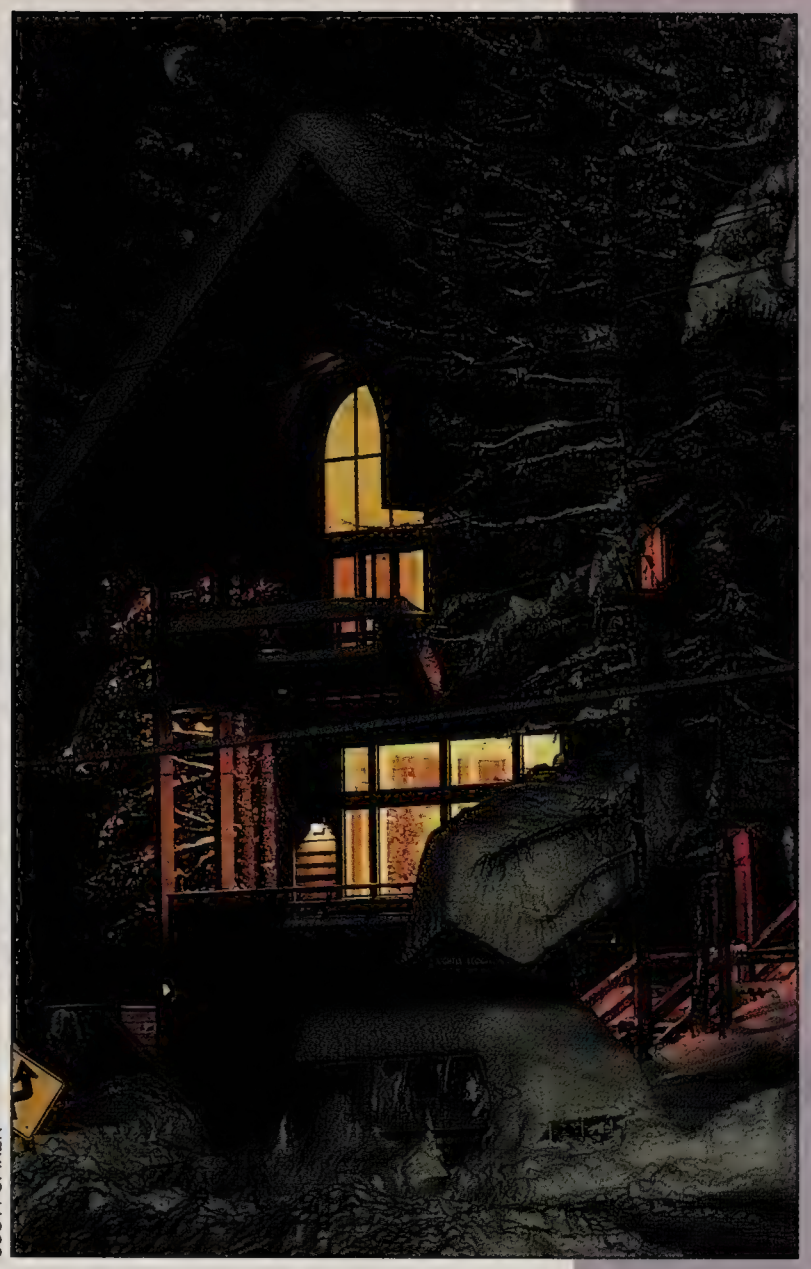
LODGING

Montana ski areas offer a full range of lodging on the mountains or nearby in lively western cities and towns. Menus that range from ranch-style to gourmet, special ski packages, airport and ski shuttle service, jacuzzis and saunas are just some of the extras you'll find at many of these lodging facilities near your favorite ski hill.



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LODGING NEAR THE BIG MOUNTAIN

THE BIG MOUNTAIN: Plan your next vacation now. Call The Big Mountain Central Reservations office to reserve space in the Hibernation House, Big Mountain Alpine Village Homes, Kandahar Lodge, Anapurna Properties or Alpinglow Inn. Most properties include ski in/ski out access, or ski in with a short walk or shuttle to the lifts. The Big Mountain is one of the greatest ski vacation values! 5day/5 night ski packages start at $310, double occupancy. Call The Big Mountain Central Reservations office at 800-858-5439 or 406-862-3511.

AERO INN: Ideal for skiers looking for clean, comfortable and affordable accommodations. An easy drive to Big Mountain, plus numerous cross-country and snowmobile areas. Beautiful indoor pool, jacuzzi and sauna, free Continental breakfast, no charge for local calls. $32 per person/night. Group rates, lift tickets and snowmobile packages available. Children 12 and under free. Write Aero Inn, 1830 Hwy. 93 South, Kalispell, MT 59901. Or call 800-843-6114 (U.S. and Canada). FAX 406-752-1304.

ALPINGLOW INN: Convenience and comfort in the ideal location next to the slopes and restaurants. The Alpinglow Inn features tasteful hotel rooms with television, phone, 1 queen and 2 twin beds. Enjoy 2 outdoor jacuzzis, a sauna and the glass-enclosed restaurant open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Children 12 and under stay FREE; one child per adult. American meal plan packages. 5 day/5 night packages as low as $380, double occupancy. Custom packages upon request. Call Big Mountain at 406-862-3511 or 800-858-5439 (U.S. and Canada).

BAY POINT ESTATES: Fully furnished condominiums with indoor pool, hot tubs and complete ski packages including car. Family and group rates plus snowmobiling packages available. Conveniently situated between the resort town of Whitefish and Big Mountain ski resort. Rental car waiting for you upon arrival at Amtrak or airport. 6 night/5 day ski package, $320 per person including car (quad). Call or write for information or reservations: P.O. Box 35S, Whitefish, MT 59937; 800-327-2108 (U.S. and Canada).

BEST WESTERN OUTLAW INN: Whether you are coming in from a tough day on the slopes, "bumming" around town or tumbling through a wealth of other winter activities in the Flathead Valley, we welcome you! The Best Western Outlaw Inn is centrally located just minutes from the slopes, offering luxury in every one of our 224 rooms. Jacuzzis, indoor pools, Hennessey's Restaurant and Nightclub, mini-casino, racquet sports and western hospitality throughout! Room rates range from $52-120. Reservations 800-247-9707 or 1701 Hwy. 93 S., Kalispell, MT 59901. Ask about our packages!

CHALET MOTEL: Located 1 mile south of downtown Whitefish, just 8 miles from Big Mountain. Ski shuttle runs daily. Queen-size beds, color cable TV, large indoor pool, jacuzzi and sauna. Beautiful views of Big Mountain from your room. Restaurants, theaters and shopping directly across the street. $57 per person/night, double occupancy. Includes lift ticket and breakfast. Children under 12 stay free. Reservations: 6430 Hwy. 93 South, Whitefish, MT 59937; 800-462-3266.

CRESTWOOD RESORT CONDOMINIUMS: Nestled in the woods between Whitefish and The Big Mountain, Crestwood commands fantastic views of the ski slopes, Glacier Park and the adjacent wildlife sanctuary. Recently refurbished 2 bedroom condominiums sleep six and include fireplace, HBO/color cable TV, in-unit laundry, full kitchens, three hot tubs and membership in the Whitefish Athletic Club. Ski and snowmobile packages available. Some units equipped for disabled. Call or write for reservations: P.O. Box 1000, Whitefish, MT 59937; 800-862-7574 or 406-862-1000.

DUCK INN LODGE: A charming new ski lodge just 8 miles from the lifts. Located in Whitefish on the river's edge. Ten beautiful rooms, all with fireplaces, large deep-soak tubs, cable TV, phones, queen-size beds and balconies. Redwood jacuzzi area. Continental breakfast included. Airport and Amtrak pickup. All-wheel drive Ford cars and Explorers for rent at the Inn. 3 day/3 night packages from $159 per person, double occupancy. Includes lift tickets. Reservations only 800-344-2377 (U.S. and Canada). Information 406-862-3825.

GROUSE MOUNTAIN LODGE: Located only 8 miles from The Big Mountain ski resort, it's a natural for both downhill and cross-country skiing. This elegant 145-room lodge features an indoor pool, sauna, spas, dining, entertainment and conference facilities. Other activities from our front door: cross-country ski and sleigh rides. Within minutes, ice skating, snowmobiling, dog sledding and much more. Deluxe loft units with kitchenettes or jacuzzis are also available. Complimentary transportation is provided to The Big Mountain, Amtrak and Glacier Park Airport. Rates: $50-$125. Reservations: 406-862-3000 or 800-321-8822 (U.S. and Canada)

KANDAHAR LODGE: Montana's premier mountain lodge, rustic yet elegant, is located in the village area at the base of Big Mountain. European-style dining at the Cafe Kandahar. Two spa areas with saunas, jacuzzis, phones, color cable TV, laundry, beautiful sunken lobby with huge rock fireplace, free shuttle service. Kids 12 and under stay FREE. Ski to the door. It's what a ski lodge should be. Write: Box 1659, Whitefish, MT 59937 or call 406-862-6098.

MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY MOTEL: Located 1 mile south of downtown Whitefish, just 8 miles from Big Mountain. Ski shuttle runs daily. Queen-size beds, color cable remote TV, large indoor pool, jacuzzi and sauna, guest laundry and hospitality room. Restaurants, theaters, shopping nearby. $57 per person/per night, double occupancy. Includes lift ticket and breakfast. Children under 12 stay free. Reservations: P.O. Box 302, Whitefish, MT 59937. Toll-free 800-543-8064.

Vacation Farm Inc.: Located 45 minutes from the base of The Big Mountain. Fully furnished 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, modern kitchen, formal dining area, family room with fireplace, color TV, VCR and video library. Large garage. 80 acres for cross-country skiing on ungroomed trails. $150 nightly for groups up to six. Reservations: 566 Creston Road, Kalispell, MT 59901 or call 800-882-8217, or 406-756-8217 collect.

LODGING NEAR BIG SKY

Best Western Buck's T-4 Lodge: Big Sky's only mid-priced, full-service lodging facility. While skiing or snowmobiling, you'll discover a friendly inviting atmosphere the moment you step through our doors. A warm welcoming blaze in the massive stone fireplace, big game trophies and antique sporting gear hint at Buck's T-4's beginnings as a hunting and fishing lodge. Our richly appointed guest rooms furnished in a country decor provide you with the right place at the right price for your next winter vacation. Genuine hospitality, superb food and accommodations are a Buck's T-4 trademark. Kids under 12 stay free! Reservations: P.O. Box 279, Big Sky, MT 59716, 406-995-4111. Out-of-state and Canada, 800-822-4484.

Big Sky Chalet Rentals: Indulge yourself....Come stay with us. We can accommodate the most intimate party to the largest ski group with a wide selection of condos and ski chalets priced from $90 per unit. Units are equipped with full kitchens, fireplaces, phones and cable TV. A heated swimming pool, hot tub, sauna and washer/dryer are available with some units. With one toll-free call, we can arrange all your travel plans, which include discounted airfares and car rental. For complete condo and travel arrangements, call 800-845-4428 or 406-995-2665.

Golden Eagle Management: Big Sky's largest property management company offering the biggest rental selection of condominiums, homes and chalets at affordable rates. Mountain accommodations range from budget studios to deluxe 4-bedroom ski-in/ski-out chalets with private hot tubs. Meadow Village offers shuttles to the lifts and a variety of 1-5 bedroom condos and homes completely furnished. All have fireplaces and panoramic mountain views. Write: P.O. Box 8, Big Sky, MT 59716, or call 800-548-4488 (Nationwide and Canada).

Huntley Lodge and Shoshone Condominium Hotel: The cornerstone of Big Sky Resort. These deluxe slopeside accommodations, as well as numerous condominiums, will make your ski vacation extra special. Swimming pools, jacuzzis, health club, gift shops, massage therapy. Ask about packages such as 2 nights/2 days of skiing, quad occupancy, first-class at the Huntley Lodge, Monday-Tuesday. Packages start at $84.50 per person. Restrictions apply. Condominiums and other packages available. Call 800-548-4486 (MT and U.S.), or 406-995-4211 (local).

Mountain Lodge and Condominium Rentals: Big Sky's widest variety of lodging accommodations. From studio condominiums to luxury ski-in/ski-out condominiums with private jacuzzis, Mountain Lodge and Condominium Rentals offers the best accommodations and the lowest rates anywhere at Big Sky! For the "true penny saver" we invite you to stay at Big Sky's original economy lodge–The Mountain Lodge. Situated 800 yards from the lifts and offering an outdoor jacuzzi, TV/game lounge, ski waxing room and the Mountain Lodge Pub & Pizza. Write: P.O. Box 56, Big Sky, MT 59716, or call 406-995-4560 or 800-831-3509.

Rainbow Ranch Lodge Bed & Breakfast: Located 5 miles south of Big Sky ski resort entrance, between Highway 191 and the Gallatin River. Twelve rooms, each with private bath, full breakfast daily. Outdoor jacuzzi, large lounge with stone fireplace, library, television and scenic view of the river. Across from the Corral Cafe with easy access to other fine dining. Catering of dinner and lunch available for groups. Shuttle bus service available to lifts, restaurants, and West Yellowstone. Call 406-995-4132 or write P.O. Box 36, Big Sky, MT 59716.

Triple Creek Realty & Management: Big Sky's finest condominiums for your ski vacation. From our exquisite ski-in/ski-out Arrowhead and Beaverhead condominiums with 3-4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 - 4 baths and in-house jacuzzis to our completely redecorated, economical Stillwater studios, Triple Creek Realty guarantees you the very best accommodations from Mountain Village to Meadow Village at Big Sky. Most of our condominiums feature in-house jacuzzis or recreation centers, cable TVs, microwave ovens, ski shuttle and much more. Write: P.O. Box 160219, Big Sky, MT 59716 or call 800-548-4632 (Montana, U.S. and Canada), FAX 406-995-2393.

LODGING NEAR BRIDGER BOWL

Bridger Bowl: Bridger Bowl offers a 12-month reservation service to all out-of-town skiers. On-mountain lodges, private homes, condominiums and bed & breakfasts are available for rental on a limited basis. Many are ski accessible from the mountain. Reservations and ski package programs are also available with many fine motels and bed & breakfast establishments in the town of Bozeman, only 16 miles from Bridger Bowl. Call toll-free 800-223-9609 (U.S. and Canada) or 406-587-2111.

Bergfeld Bed & Breakfast: Bergfeld (German for mountain field) sits on the edge of the Bridger Mountain slope and sports 360-degree views. Amenities include hot tub, all private baths, cross-country skiing and sledding on the acreage. Watch wildlife from the living room window. Only 10 minutes from town and airport; 20 minutes to Bridger and 45 minutes to Big Sky. Quiet and relaxing, country comfortable atmosphere. Built in 1992. Outstanding restaurants, famous museum, and Yellowstone are close by. Write 8515 Sypes Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59715, or call 406-586-7778.

Best Western GranTree Inn: Located just off the interstate, within a short 15-minute drive to Bridger Bowl and 45-minute drive to Big Sky ski resort. Offering true Montana hospitality with full-service dining, lounge and casino, indoor pool and jacuzzi, laundry facility plus 103 comfort-filled rooms. Special ski packages offered. Shuttle service to Bridger Bowl. For reservations or information call 800-624-5865.

LODGING NEAR DISCOVERY BASIN

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort: Just 32 miles east of Discovery Basin is Montana's favorite family resort. Affordable rates plus all the amenities. After a day on the slopes indulge in all that makes Fairmont so inviting–dining room, coffee shop, lounge with live entertainment, 2 olympic-size pools and 2 soaking pools all filled with natural hot springs water, plus a 350 ft. enclosed water slide. Also available are sleigh rides and dog sled rides. Reservations: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, 1500 Fairmont Road, Anaconda, MT 59711. In Montana 800-332-3272. Outside Montana 800-443-2381.

Best Western Butte Plaza Inn: We are located just 50 miles southeast of Discovery Basin right off the interstate at the Harrison Avenue Exit South. We are newly remodeled offering 134 brand new, beautifully appointed, spotlessly clean and quiet guest rooms with king, queen and double beds, remote controlled cable TV, movie selections, great pillows, indoor spa and fitness center. Restaurant and lounge with live entertainment. Affordable rates and children under 12 stay free. Reservations: 2900 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701, or call 800-543-5814 in the U.S. and Canada.

Best Western Copper King Inn: 45 miles from Discovery Basin in historic Butte. Spacious and comfortable elegance throughout. Oversize rooms, indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi, weight room and 3 indoor tennis courts. Enjoy fine dining in the Savoy (try the slow-cooked barbecue beef ribs), the warm hospitality of the Columbia Gardens Coffee Shop, or lively entertainment, satellite TV poker and keno in the "Jox" Sports & Spirits Bar. Exit 127, I-15. Write 4655 Harrison Avenue S., Butte, MT 59701, or call 800-332-8600.

LODGING NEAR LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN

Broad Axe Lodge: Scenic lodging and dining on the Bitterroot River surrounded by national forest. Cabins are spacious, fully furnished with baths and kitchens. Our dining room and lounge feature warm-up drinks, fresh salad bar, homemade breads and desserts and a view of big game grazing on hillsides. Located 17 miles north of Lost Trail downhill ski area and Chief Joseph cross-country ski trails. Downhill ski package available. Designated a Montana Wildlife Viewing Area. For more information contact Broad Axe Lodge, 1237 East Fork Road, Sula MT 59871 or call 406-821-3878.

Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast: Just 9 miles north of Lost Trail Powder Mountain, off Highway 93. Enjoy the comforts of this early 1900 historic ranch house. Three guest rooms in the main house; two with king size beds and private baths. Two cabins with cooking units, two full-size beds and bath in each. A hearty, western breakfast is served for all guests. Evening dining at nearby restaurants. Write or phone for ski packages and reservations: 7674 Hwy 93 S., Sula, MT 59871, 406-821-3508.

Rocky Knob Lodge: 15 miles from Lost Trail Powder Mountain and Chief Joseph Cross-country Ski Area. The "Knob" is well known for its famous hickory-smoked ribs, excellent service, and a unique atmosphere. Built in 1947, the lodge contains a motel, private banquet room, dining room, and lounge. Open year-round. For reservations and ski package information, call 406-821-3520, or write Rocky Knob Lodge, HC 33, Box 35, Conner, MT 59827.

LODGING NEAR RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

Red Lodge Central Reservations: One call–does it all. Rarely does 1 number do so many things. With 1 call you can make arrangements for lodging, lift tickets, ski rentals, ski school...you name it! We custom build packages to suit your needs. And any bookings of 3 days or more made with lodging will get you discounted lift tickets. Some special packages will save you even more! Call 800-444-8977 in U.S. and Canada.

Best Western Lupine Inn: Located 6 miles from Red Lodge Mountain by car or shuttle bus. Walking distance to most downtown shops and restaurants. Packages available through Red Lodge Mountain. Indoor pool, jacuzzi, meeting room and ski wax room. Reservations: call 406-446-1321 or Best Western 800-528-1234.

Pitcher Guest Houses: Distinctive lodging. The Guest House: (circa 1903) Located near historic downtown Red Lodge. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, lovely linens, full kitchen, laundry facilities, wood-burning stove, cable TV, phone, country decor. The Townhouse: A newer, 2-story log condo with comparable accommodations, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, within walking distance of downtown. The Gate House: Cozy 3-room charming log cabin, located at entry to the Townhouse. Perfect for honeymooners. Reservations confirmed by advance deposit. Two-night minimum preferred. Write P.O. Box 3450, Red Lodge, MT 59068, or call 406-446-2859.

Rock Creek Resort: Located near northeast entrance of Yellowstone Park, 10 minutes from Red Lodge Mountain. Combines Beartooth Lodge, The Grizzly Condos and Old Piney Dell restaurant to create the perfect ski holiday. Gracious accommodations and the finest cuisine, indoor swimming, jacuzzis, laundry, shuttle service, ski packages, cross-country skiing, hiking. Price range $55 to $240. Four miles south of Red Lodge on U.S. Hwy 212. For reservations write: Route 2, Box 3500, Red Lodge, MT 59068 or call 406-446-1111.

Super 8 Motel: Red Lodge's newest motel. Located 5 miles from ski area. Ski packages available through Red Lodge Mountain. Indoor pool, hot tub, cable TV, Showtime, jacuzzis in 6 rooms, large family rooms sleep 6, guest laundry, daily shuttle bus to ski area. Reservations: 406-446-2288 or 800-800-8000, U.S. or Canada.

Willows Inn: Spectacular mountain scenery surrounds this delightful turn-of-the-century inn. Discover the charm of yesteryear in the warm and cheery atmosphere of this beautiful Victorian. Five individually decorated rooms feature brass and iron and 4-poster beds. Delicious homebaked pastries and afternoon refreshments. Close to skiing, snowmobiling and Yellowstone Park. Video movies, books, games and ski storage. Two storybook cottages with kitchen and laundry are ideal for families. Close to restaurants and shops. Write: 224 S. Platt Avenue, P.O. Box 886, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

Yodeler Motel: AAA rated with large luxury rooms, outdoor hot tub, in-room steam baths and jacuzzi tubs, color remote cable TV, direct dial phones, in-room coffee, Red Lodge Airport courtesy car, honeymoon suite and kitchen unit, king and queen beds, special packages for groups and tours. Owner-operated with "sincere hospitality." All close to downtown and only 15 minutes from Red Lodge Ski Mountain. Write 601 South Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068, or call 406-446-1435.

LODGING NEAR SHOWDOWN

Showdown: One phone call gets you the information on all lodging facilities near Showdown. We can also supply information on rentals, ski school, day care and all other services offered at the ski area. Call us at 800-433-0022 (U.S. and Canada), and we can customize a package to fit your needs.

Daly's Foxwood Inn and Gillette's Elkhorn Lodge: Warm and cozy bed & breakfast accommodations in White Sulphur Springs. A hearty country breakfast is offered in plenty of time for the first run of the chair lift. These homes away from home are just 30 minutes from Showdown Ski Area with great ski packages available. Foxwood Inn: 406-547-2224, P.O. Box 451, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645. Elkhorn Lodge: 406-547-2260, P.O. Box 644, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645.

LODGING NEAR SNOWBOWL

4B's Inn North & South: Nicest hot tubs in Missoula. Ski packages beginning at $29 include ski ticket, lodging and shopping option. 4B's Restaurant next door. Entertainment and amenities nearby. For reservations and/or snow report call 800-272-9500 or write 3803 Brooks, Missoula, MT 59801.

Southgate Inn: 15 miles from lift, 3 blocks to mall, surrounded by restaurants, casino and entertainment. Southgate offers hot tub, exercise room, cable TV/HBO, continental breakfast. Ski package includes lodging & lift ticket, $38.50/person/double occupancy; $29.50/person/quad occupancy. Reservations: 3530 Brooks Street, Missoula, MT 59801. Toll-free in Montana 800-533-2250, out-of-state & Canada 800-247-2616.

Super 8 Motel: The Missoula Super 8 Motel is 20 minutes from Snowbowl ski area and 2 hours from Lost Trail ski area. Ski packages from $28 to $43 per person. Includes room, lift and continental breakfast. Motel is close to several restaurants, theaters and Southgate Mall. For reservations and ski packages, call 406-251-2255 or 800-800-8000. Write Super 8 Motel, 3901 South Brooks, Missoula, MT 59801.

STATEWIDE ACCOMMODATIONS NEAR SKI AREAS

Best Westerns of Montana: We offer 23 convenient, comfortable and scenic reasons to choose Best Western for your ski adventure. With locations at all major Montana ski resorts and many more along the way, Best Western gives you the best value in wintertime fun. We'll even help you plan your trip with our handy multi-state regional road map. For reservations throughout Montana or to receive your free map, call 800-582-1234 and ask for operator MT1.

TownHouse Inns of Montana: Seven locations throughout Montana–Butte, Columbus, Conrad, Dillon, Great Falls, Hamilton, Havre–are near one or more of Montana's premier ski areas. All our motels feature amenities you need after a day of winter play, but our price won't keep you off the slopes! Discover why so many winter enthusiasts already know why the TownHouse Inns are "Montana's Best Lodging Value." Call our toll-free central reservation line, 800-442-INNS.

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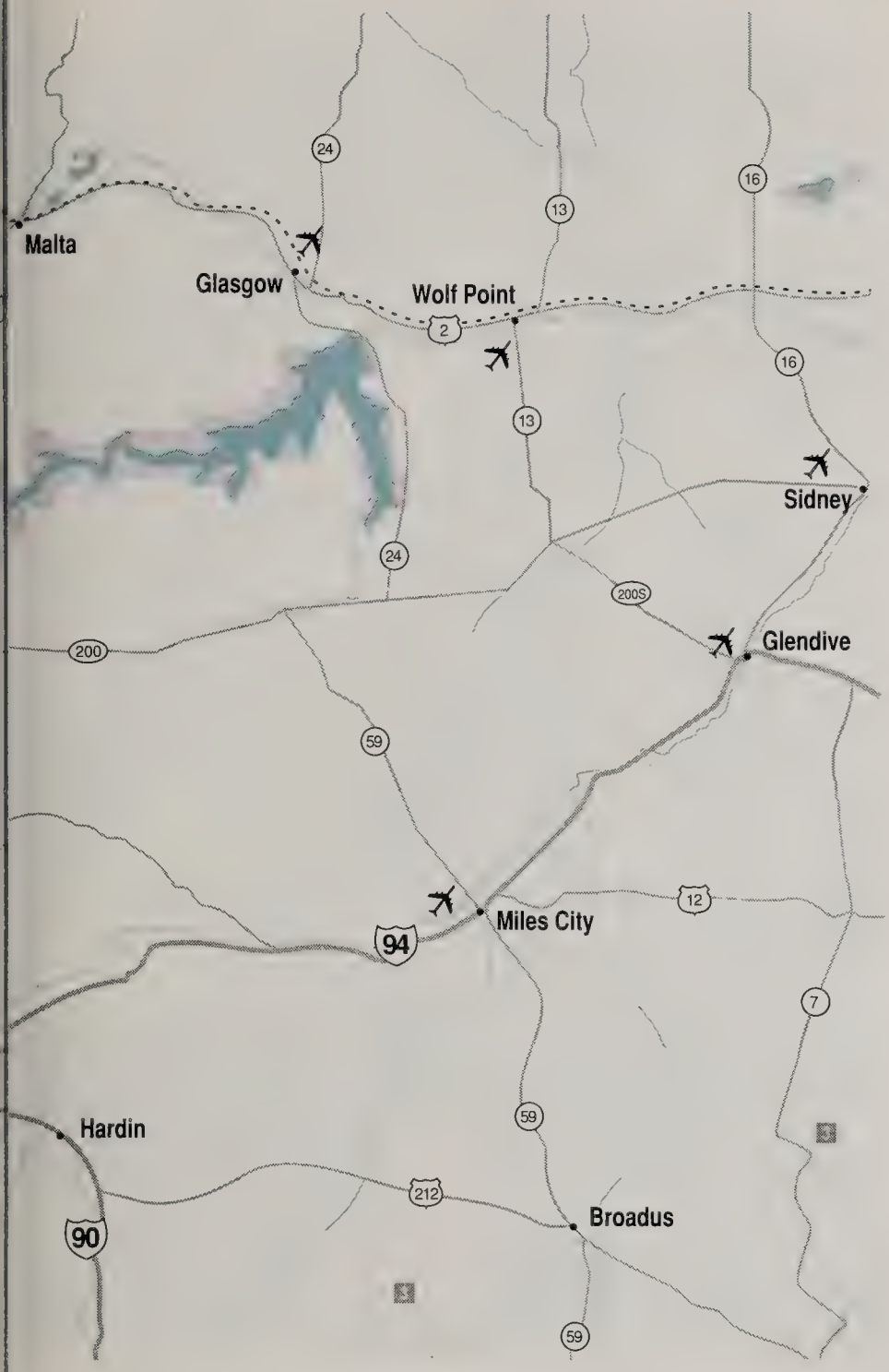
MONTANA REFERENCE MAP

National Forests

1. Beaverhead N.F.
2. Bitterroot N.F.
3. Custer N.F.
4. Deerlodge N.F.
5. Flathead N.F.
6. Gallatin N.F.
7. Helena N.F.
8. Kootenai N.F.
9. Lewis & Clark N.F.
10. Lolo N.F.

Downhill

1. Bear Paw Ski Bowl
2. Big Mountain
3. Big Sky Ski & Summer Resort
4. Bridger Bowl
5. Discovery Basin/Fairmont Hot Springs
6. Great Divide
7. Lost Trail Powder Mountain
8. Marshall Ski Area
9. Maverick Mountain
10. Montana Snowbowl
11. Red Lodge Mountain
12. Rocky Mountain Hi
13. Showdown Ski Area
14. Turner Mountain



Cross-Country/Touring

1. Big Hole
2. Bohart Ranch
3. Covered Wagon Ranch
4. Golden Eagle Lodging
5. Garnet Ghost Town
6. Holland Lake
7. Izaak Walton Inn
4. Lone Mountain Ranch
8. Mountain Timbers
9. Wade Lake Resort
10. Yellowstone Alpen Guides
11. Yellowstone National Park
10. Yellowstone Tour & Travel

Getting Here's A Breeze

Some resorts are just minutes from the airport or train station, others a short drive on scenic highways. The following carriers are among those who can get you to Montana snow:

AMTRAK
800-872-7245

Continental Airlines
800-525-0280

Delta and The Delta Connection
800-221-1212

Horizon Air
800-547-9308

Northwest Airlines
800-225-2525

United Airlines
800-241-6522

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For Montana Ski Reports and Travel Information, call

800-541-1447
(out-of-state)
406-444-2654
(in-state)

For Road Conditions, call
406-444-6339
or
800-332-6171

Travel Montana
Department of Commerce
Helena, MT 59620

Cross-Country

TAKE THE TRAILS LESS TRAVELED

Here you can find backcountry valleys filled with untracked snow and dazzling sunshine–and have one all to yourself. Or ski past spectacular mountains that tower above snow-covered forests–and pause to watch a majestic bull elk. Or share the laughter of your children as they discover the fun of skinny skis–and race you to a fully catered snow picnic.

In Montana, cross-country is a way of life. With 2 national parks, 10 national forests, 12 wilderness areas and numerous lodges with private ski trails, there's plenty of room for everyone. And plenty of choices. Montana's cross-country ski resorts customize winter with specialties like guided wilderness tours, expertly groomed trails, professional instruction and comfortable accommodations ranging from cozy, private cabins to full-service lodges.

Cross-country in Montana. We have it all. And it's all yours.

TIM CHRISTIE

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MONTANA CROSS-COUNTRY SKI AREAS ASSOCIATION

The members of the Montana Cross-Country Ski Areas Association are dedicated to improving and enhancing the sport of cross-country skiing in Montana. They invite you to come and try their quality resorts from Glacier Park to Yellowstone. They know you'll be back. Some of these resorts are also members of the Cross-Country Ski Areas Association which promotes, enhances and develops the wonderful sport of cross-country skiing on a national scale. Look for these logos to find members of these associations.

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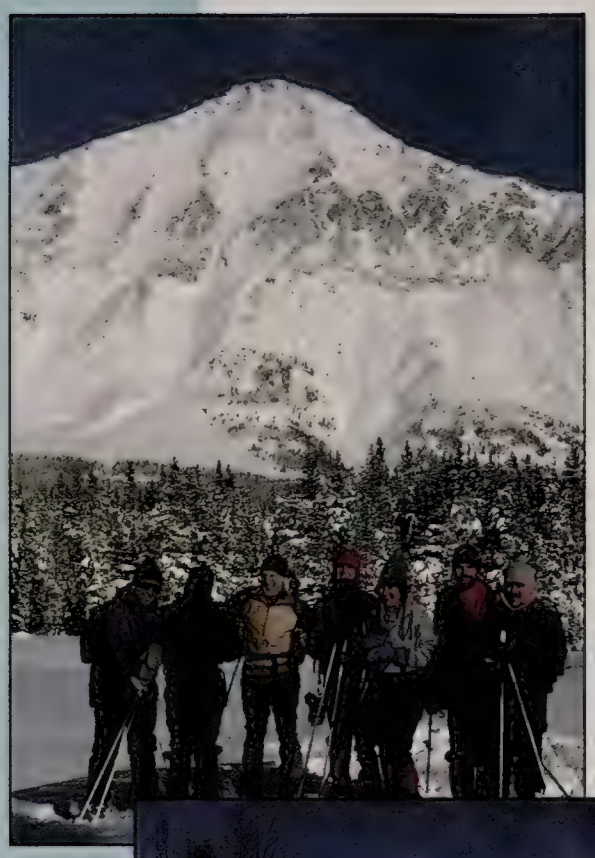

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Snow Country magazine named the Izaak Walton Inn as one of the top 10 cross-country ski resorts in the Rockies. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Izaak Walton Inn offers some of the finest groomed track, skating, backcountry and telemark skiing found in the northwest United States, with over 30 km of groomed trails. Trails 20 feet wide wind through beautiful Rocky Mountain scenery. Take a guided backcountry ski tour into Glacier National Park and marvel at nature's majestic and serene wonders. An alpine lodge constructed in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews, the Inn has maintained the great heritage of the glory days of the railroad. Memorabilia, authentic furniture and our great log fireplace remind every guest of the great train era's mystique.

FACILITIES: Relax in our Great Northern room with in-room sink and half-bath, an Empire Builder accommodation with full private bath or take a unique vacation in a charming Caboose. The Dining Car Restaurant serves a wide variety of menu favorites, plus daily specials. A Flagstop Bar, game room, gift shop, Finnish sauna and laundry facilities help make your stay more enjoyable.

LOCATION: At Essex, just off Highway 2, halfway between East and West Glacier in northwestern Montana. Fly Delta or Horizon Air to Kalispell and rent a car for a scenic drive to Essex. Or ride Amtrak right to our door.

SEASON: Late November through April 15. Glacier National Park backcountry tours from December 1 to April 15. Our spring skiing is excellent, as snowfall usually lasts into the middle of May.

TRAILS: Over 30 km of mechanically groomed trails, partially in Flathead National Forest, with set track and skating lane. Telemark hill. Lighted Starlight Trail for night skiing. Backcountry ski opportunities in Glacier National Park and the Great Bear Wilderness.

GUIDE SERVICE: Our guided ski tours unlock the door to Glacier National Park's pristine winter splendor. Wildlife, spectacular scenery and experienced guides provide for a memorable day of skiing. Trips can be tailored to any ski level. Cost of an all-day group trip is $60-$80 per person, including lunch, transportation and guide service. Ski rental equipment available upon request.

DAY SKIER SERVICES: A day-trail pass allows you to ski our entire trail system. Equipment rental packages available.

VACATION PACKAGES: Stay 5 nights for only $719 in our Great Northern Room or $825 in an Empire Builder room (per person, based on double occupancy). Price includes lodging for 5 nights, 15 meals, daily trail passes, full use of all Inn ski trails and Finnish sauna,1 ski lesson and 1 guided ski tour into Glacier National Park.

EVENTS: Kick Out the Kinks USSA-Sanctioned 5 and 10 km Nordic Ski Race, December 5-6; Spring Snow Rodeo and Race, March 27-28.

FOR RESERVATIONS: Reservations are recommended. When calling, please indicate if you are interested in a ski tour into Glacier Park, as space is limited.

For more information, write:
Izaak Walton Inn
P.O. Box 653-M
Essex, MT 59916
or call: 406-888-5700
for a brochure.

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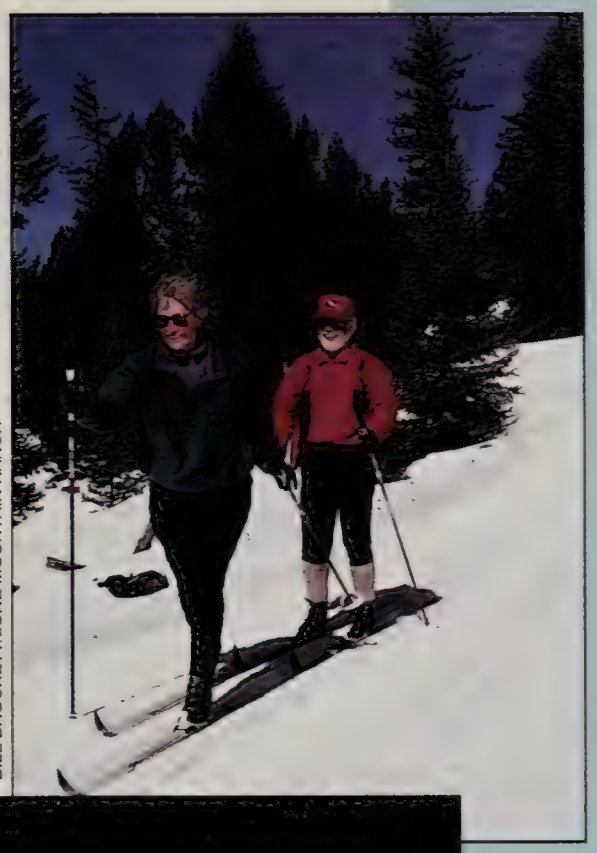
LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

A winter vacation at Lone Mountain Ranch means cross-country skiing at its best! The spectacular mountain beauty surrounding the Ranch serves as a backdrop for the 75 km professionally groomed cross-country ski trail system. Attractive and comfortable cabins, full-service cross-country ski facilities, plentiful wildlife, a beautiful log dining lodge, dependable snow, top quality "made from scratch" meals and that "extra special" Montana hospitality combine to make Lone Mountain Ranch the cross-country skiing vacation of a lifetime. It's no wonder the Ranch draws so many guests back year after year!



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LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

Location: Big Sky, Montana–40 miles south of Bozeman, 20 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Delta, Horizon Air, or Continental to Bozeman. Free airport transportation. Special air fares available.

Season: Ski from early December to mid-April.

Trails: 75 km of professionally groomed, tilled and tracked trails designed to accommodate all levels of ability. Groomed for both traditional skiing and skating. A portion of these trails are in the Gallatin National Forest.

Guide Service: Naturalists guide all-day ski tours into the backcountry of Yellowstone. Skiing past steaming geyser basins and wintering herds of elk and bison is a truly unforgettable experience.

Nordic Ski Shop: Complete cross-country ski shop provides both retail and rental equipment. A wide selection of ski clothing, accessories, convenience items and gifts are available.

Ski Instruction: Professional PSIA instructors offer lessons for all levels of skiing.

Vacation Packages: Comfortable ranch-style accommodations house up to 60 guests in individual log cabins with private baths, electric heat and wood burning stoves or fireplaces. One-week package (7 nights) includes 3 complete meals per day, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation, a sleigh-ride dinner, gourmet on-the-trail buffet lunch, evening programs and outdoor hot tub at $900 per person, double occupancy. Reservations are required.

Day Skier Services: Day trail passes give you access to the entire trail system. Rental ski packages, nordic ski shop, ranch breakfasts, hearty skier buffet lunches, ranch gourmet dinners, saloon, lessons, guided ski tours and old-fashioned sleigh-ride dinners are all available to day visitors.

Sleigh-Ride Dinners: Step back into Montana history with an old-fashioned sleigh-ride dinner. A horse-drawn sleigh takes you through the winter woods to a beautiful log cabin where the aroma of homemade bread greets you at the door. A gourmet prime rib dinner cooked in a century-old wood cookstove and musical entertainment help complete a perfect winter evening. Reservations required.

Events: St. Nick's Nordic Festival in early December is a family fun day with games, sleigh rides, free nordic instruction and use of ski trails and equipment.

For Reservations: It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible to assure your choice of dates and accommodations.

For more information, write:
Lone Mountain Ranch
P.O. Box 160069
Big Sky, MT 59716
for a free brochure or call
406-995-4644 Ext. 120
FAX 406-995-4670.

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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

JEFF HENRY

TW RECREATIONAL SERVICES, INC.

Winter may be the most magical season of all in Yellowstone. In winter, the park is transformed by snow into another world. Steam billows from the geyser basins to drift in eerie clouds through frosty air. Wildlife is abundant. The park's smaller streams and rivers are sheathed in ice and waterfalls form great arches of icicles. You haven't seen Yellowstone until you've seen Yellowstone in winter.

LOCATION: Yellowstone National Park is located in southcentral Montana and the northwestern corner of Wyoming. Fly to Bozeman; bus service is available to Mammoth Hot Springs, 80 miles away.

SEASON: Mammoth Hot Springs, December 19 through February 28; Old Faithful Snow Lodge, December 16 through March 14.

AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 150 inches.

AVERAGE PARK ELEVATION: 7,000 feet is the average elevation with mountain highs of 11,000 feet and lower areas at 5,800 feet. Mammoth Hot Springs is 6,300 feet above sea level.

TOTAL PARK AREA: 3,400 square miles of protected parklands provide vistas of indescribable beauty–thermal features, wild animals, mountains, lakes, rivers and expansive views. "Have we got the country to cross!"

TRAILS: Groomed and tracked trails along with skied-in tracks. Miles and miles of backcountry trails.

GUIDE SERVICE: All-day and half-day guide service available. Two person minimum.

SKI INSTRUCTION: 2-hour group lesson offered every morning and afternoon. Private lessons also available. Reservations recommended.

VACATION PACKAGES: 7 days/6 nights, $450 per couple. Includes 6 nights, room with a bath, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, 2 of those nights optional at Old Faithful Snow Lodge, based on availability; welcome wine and cheese plate; wake-up coffee or tea delivered to your door daily; morning newspaper (when available); snowcoach tour to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone or round-trip snowcoach to Old Faithful Snow Lodge; half-day of ice skating, discount coupons on ski rentals and guided ski tours (minimum of 4 people for tours). Package available at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, December 19 through February 27.

RENTALS: Skis, boots, poles and gaiters for rent by half-day and full-day. Snowmobile rentals and snowcoach tours also.

FACILITIES: Mammoth Hot Springs is a vintage facility with all rooms housed in a 4-story wing and Aspen Lodge. Beautiful newly renovated dining room and lounge. No phones or TVs. A great getaway spot.

For more information, write:
TW Recreational Services, Inc.
Yellowstone National Park
WY 82190
or call: 307-344-7311.

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YELLOWSTONE TOUR & TRAVEL

Add a day or more in Yellowstone Country to your ski vacation. Or make it your winter destination. Yellowstone in winter—an unbelievable wonderland. And there's no better way to enjoy it all than on a snowmobile. From the geysers and animals in Yellowstone to the deep powder snow of the surrounding national forest, it's a feast for your eyes and senses. Come. Enjoy.

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Location: West Yellowstone is the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park, located on Montana's southern border near Wyoming and Idaho. Fly to Bozeman. Convenient daily bus service available for the 90-mile drive through beautiful Gallatin Canyon.

Season: Yellowstone National Park is open to snowmobile traffic (no automobiles allowed except for short northern route) from mid-December through early March. Snowmobiling in the surrounding national forests is available earlier and later.

Total Area: Snowmobiles are permitted only on groomed trails within Yellowstone's 3,400 square miles. In the national forests, riding is allowed both on and off trails on thousands of additional square miles.

Trails: Yellowstone National Park has more than 200 miles of well-marked and patrolled trails. An additional 250 miles outside of the park in Montana interconnect with hundreds of miles groomed by the state of Idaho.

Guide Service: Full-day starting at $130 per guide per day.

Instruction: Non-snowmobilers are encouraged to come! Machine operation is simple. Full instruction given to each person renting a snowmobile.

Vacation Packages: Full snowmobile packages, beginning day of your choice, include lodging, use of snowmobile, guide service, rental snowmobile clothing and 1 prime rib dinner. Packages start at 4 nights/3 days. For reservations, contact your travel agent or Yellowstone Tour & Travel.

Lodging Only: Comfortable accommodations in West Yellowstone at Yellowstone Tour & Travel's Ambassador Quality Inn, and Three Bear Lodge/Restaurant. Fully carpeted rooms feature color/cable television, room phones and full baths. Each property has an indoor whirlpool.

Daily Snowmobile Rentals: Arctic Cat Panthers and Jags as well as Yamaha electric-start Ovations. Prowlers and Phazers are also available for additional fees. Each with electric handwarmers and luggage racks. Rental rate includes a full tank of fuel. Rates are $76 per day, single riding; $86 per day, double riding. Mid-week discount (except during holiday periods) offered to guests having a valid ski lift ticket from any Montana ski area. Daily round-trip bus service operates from Big Sky Ski Resort, 50 miles north. Snowmobile suit, boots, gloves, helmet and stocking pullover face mask at $15 per day. All rates subject to 3% tax.

Snowcoach Touring: New, heated 12-passenger vans have been converted to snowcoaches with skis instead of tires for smooth gliding over the snow. This is a great way to see Yellowstone, its animals and geological formations in winter. Bring cold-weather clothes and boots for brief walks to points of interest and to lunch breaks at restaurants. Rates are $60 to Old Faithful and $70 to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

For more information, write:
Yellowstone Tour & Travel
P.O. Box 369
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
or call: 1-800-221-1151.

YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES

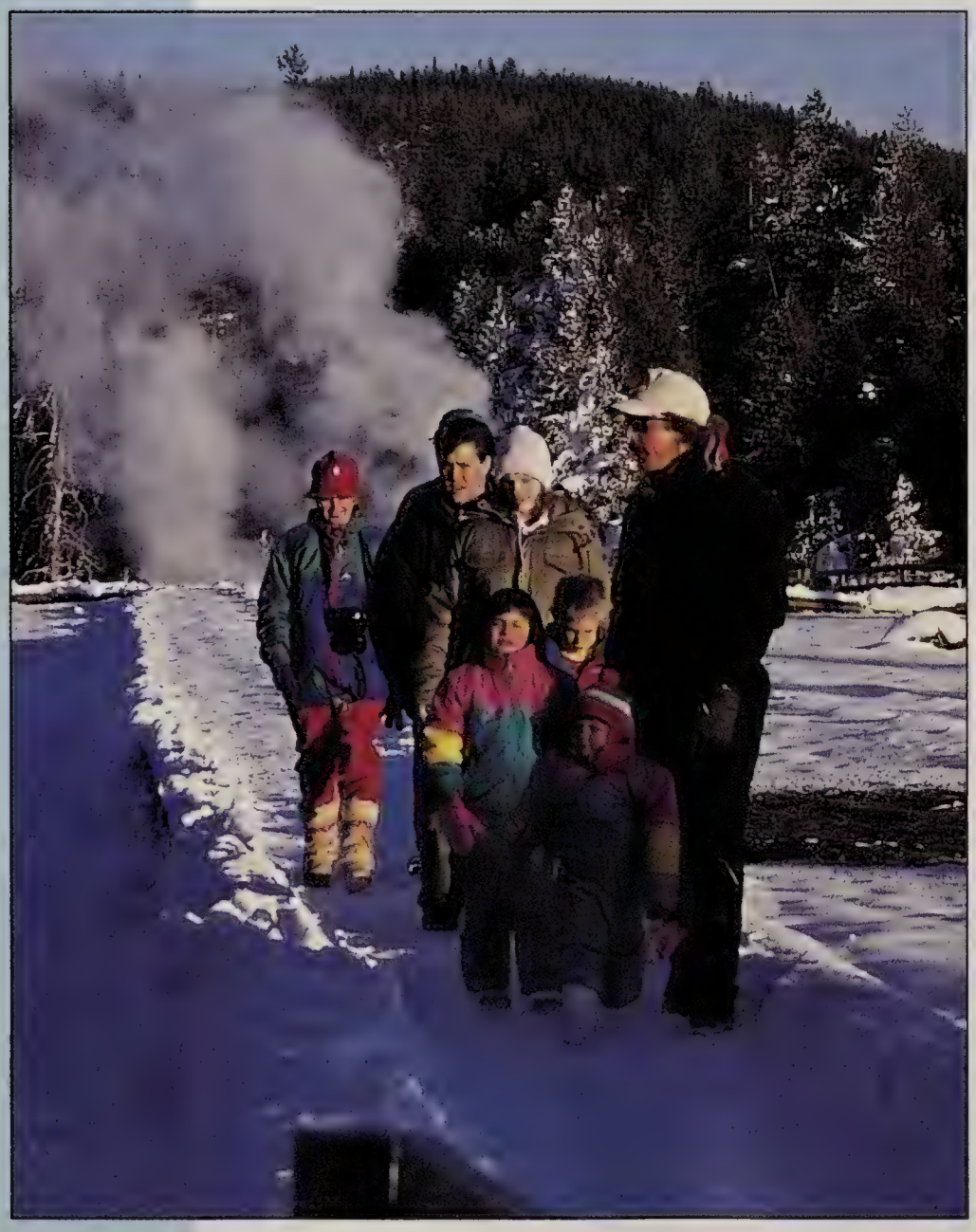
Yellowstone National Park in winter is an experience never to be forgotten. The impatient crowds and harried pace of summer are gone. Large numbers of animals have slowly moved down from the high country to seek shelter in the thermal basins. Now is the time to see Yellowstone at its best.

Yellowstone Alpen Guides offers daily tours aboard warm, comfortable, 10-passenger snowcoaches.

Location: Alpen Guides is located in West Yellowstone at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Fly into Bozeman and rent a car, or relax and enjoy the 90-mile trip through scenic Gallatin Canyon on one of the regularly scheduled bus trips from Bozeman to West Yellowstone.

Snowcoach Tours: Tours depart daily at 9 A.M. from mid-December through early March for all-day snowcoach adventures and skier drops to Old Faithful or the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Tours include special vacation packages including a three-day wildlife viewing tour with overnight at the Old Faithful Snowlodge. Also snowcoach and guided ski tours available.

For more information, write:
Yellowstone Alpen Guides
P.O. Box 518M
West Yellowstone, MT 59758,
or call: 406-646-9591.



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BIG HOLE LODGE

With a convenient pickup at the Butte airport, you can be cross-country skiing an hour after your arrival. Winter in the Big Hole valley of southwestern Montana is breathtaking. This fabled ranch country is legendary for its cowboy and Indian lore.

From your cabin you can view the quiet solitude of a wilderness setting. The lodge is ideally located at 6,300 feet with 30 km of groomed trails and an extensive backcountry trail system adjacent to the lodge. With a maximum capacity of 8-10 guests, emphasis is on personalized service and warm hospitality. Guests stay in rustic and spacious private cabins with modern conveniences. The well-appointed accommodations are clean and comfortable. "Country Gourmet" family-style meals are served in the main lodge, a handsome building made of local logs and river rock.

There is excellent downhill skiing in the area and also several well-managed hot springs to soak in. Guide service is available along with personal instruction. Our season extends from mid-December to mid-March. Please come and explore the peaceful beauty and seclusion of Big Hole Lodge in the heart of the Rockies.

For more information, write:
Craig Fellin's Big Hole Lodge
P.O. Box 156
Wise River, MT 59762
or call: 406-832-3252.

BOHART RANCH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTER

Bohart Ranch, located 16 miles northeaast of Bozeman on Highway 86 in Bridger Canyon, adjacent to Bridger Bowl ski area, offers 30 km of groomed and tracked trails on nationally and internationally recognized cross-country ski terrain. Trails are groomed for both diagonal and skating techniques. Facilities include a biathlon range for year-round training and competition. Services include rentals, lessons, snacks and warming cabin. Trails are open in summer for walking, running, mountain biking, horseback riding and summer biathlon which combines running and shooting.

Bohart Ranch trails offer quality skiing for both the recreational and competitive skier. Our scenic trails in historic Bridger Canyon let our guests experience a bit of Old Montana.

For more information, write:
Bohart Ranch
Cross-Country Ski Center
16621 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
or call: 406-586-9070.

COVERED WAGON RANCH

The best cross-country skiing Yellowstone has to offer with the most reliable snow in the northern Rockies. Located a few miles from the northwest corner of Yellowstone Park. The Covered Wagon Ranch, accommodating guests since 1925, is situated in Montana's Gallatin Canyon. You'll enjoy the finest skiing in the west, both tracked and ski touring through deep forested canyons, open meadows, rolling terrain and mountain slopes for telemarking. Warm log cabins with private bath, dining room for family-style meals and a recreation hall with fireplace. The ranch offers a rustic, yet comfortable environment. Avoid the hassle and commotion of the resort atmosphere, while still enjoying its advantages.

Transportation is provided to Big Sky, 23 miles away. Snowcoach trips into Yellowstone Park by arrangement. Ranch guests meet at Bozeman airport. Full American Plan rates.

For more information, write:
Covered Wagon Ranch
34035S Gallatin Road
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
or call: 406-995-4237.

GOLDEN EAGLE LODGING AT BIG SKY

Located at Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort, Golden Eagle is 45 miles south of Bozeman and neighbor to Yellowstone National Park. Out your front door you will find access to 70 km of an extensive cross-country trail system.

Lone Mountain Guest Ranch, premier cross-country ski area of the northwest, offers a variety of terrain for beginner to expert. Or ski 55 miles of exhilarating downhill on 36 slopes over 1,000 acres. Our pinnacle peak, Lone Mountain, rises 11,166 feet with a vertical drop of 2,800 feet.

Golden Eagle offers the largest selection of luxury condominiums and homes in Big Sky.

Conveniently located near the cross-country track system, slopes, dining, shops and entertainment, Golden Eagle condos have panoramic mountain views, furnished kitchens and stone fireplaces. Some have access to pools, saunas and jacuzzis. Golden Eagle Lodge offers comfortable and newly remodeled rooms, with a restaurant and bar on premises, the perfect choice for those on a budget. Prices start at $115/night for a 1-bedroom condo and $45/night in the lodge. Fly Delta, Northwest, or Continental to Bozeman.

For more information, write:
Golden Eagle
P.O. Box 160008
Big Sky, MT 59716
or call: 800-548-4488.

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WADE LAKE RESORT

Wade Lake Resort, located in the forest on Wade Lake and a half-mile from Cliff Lake, offers an exclusive backcountry experience.

Designated a Montana Wildlife Viewing Site, Wade Lake, which stays partially ice-free in the winter, provides winter habitat for bald eagles, trumpeter swans, great grey owls, ducks, geese and river otters. Share the trails only with the resident wildlife—moose, deer, coyote, bobcat, fox, porcupine, ermine, snowshoe hares and squirrels, as well as the elusive pine marten.

Our 55 km of professionally groomed and track-set trails take you along lake shores and riversides; through valleys, aspen groves and old growth fir forests; and over wide open rolling hills with spectacular views of tall peaks. Marked and groomed trails are designed for skiers of all ability levels. There are also endless backcountry opportunities in this area of the Beaverhead National Forest.

Accommodations are in 1 of 5 fully equipped cabins. Dine in the lodge or prepare your own meals. We provide a 6-mile shuttle from Highway 287 and the Madison River, or have us shuttle your gear while you ski in.

For more information, write:
Wade Lake Resort
P.O. Box 107
Cameron, MT 59720
or call: 406-682-7560.

HOLLAND LAKE LODGE

Our lakeside setting is nestled at the foot of the Swan Mountain Range in the Flathead National Forest on the western edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. In continuous operation since 1924, Holland Lake Lodge has been home to Indians, early settlers, trappers and Bob Marshall himself. Stay in either the rustic log lodge or in comfortable lakeside cabins. At the end of a vigorous day, look forward to relaxing in our large sauna. Enjoy home-cooked meals or sip your favorite cocktail beside a warm fire while you browse through the local history books or visit with other guests.

Ski from mid-December to April on groomed and marked ski trails, clearcuts for open skiing, or on packed snowmobile trails and loop roads. Rental equipment is available.

Holland Lake Lodge is located on Highway 83 between Missoula and Kalispell near the town of Condon. Open year-round, the Lodge is also a favorite destination for horsemen, hunters, fishermen and hikers. You will find many wonderful places in Montana, but none will surpass the sense of history and romance to complement your winter recreational activities.

For more information, write:
Holland Lake Lodge, S.R.
P.O. Box 2083
Condon, MT 59826
or call: 800-648-8859.

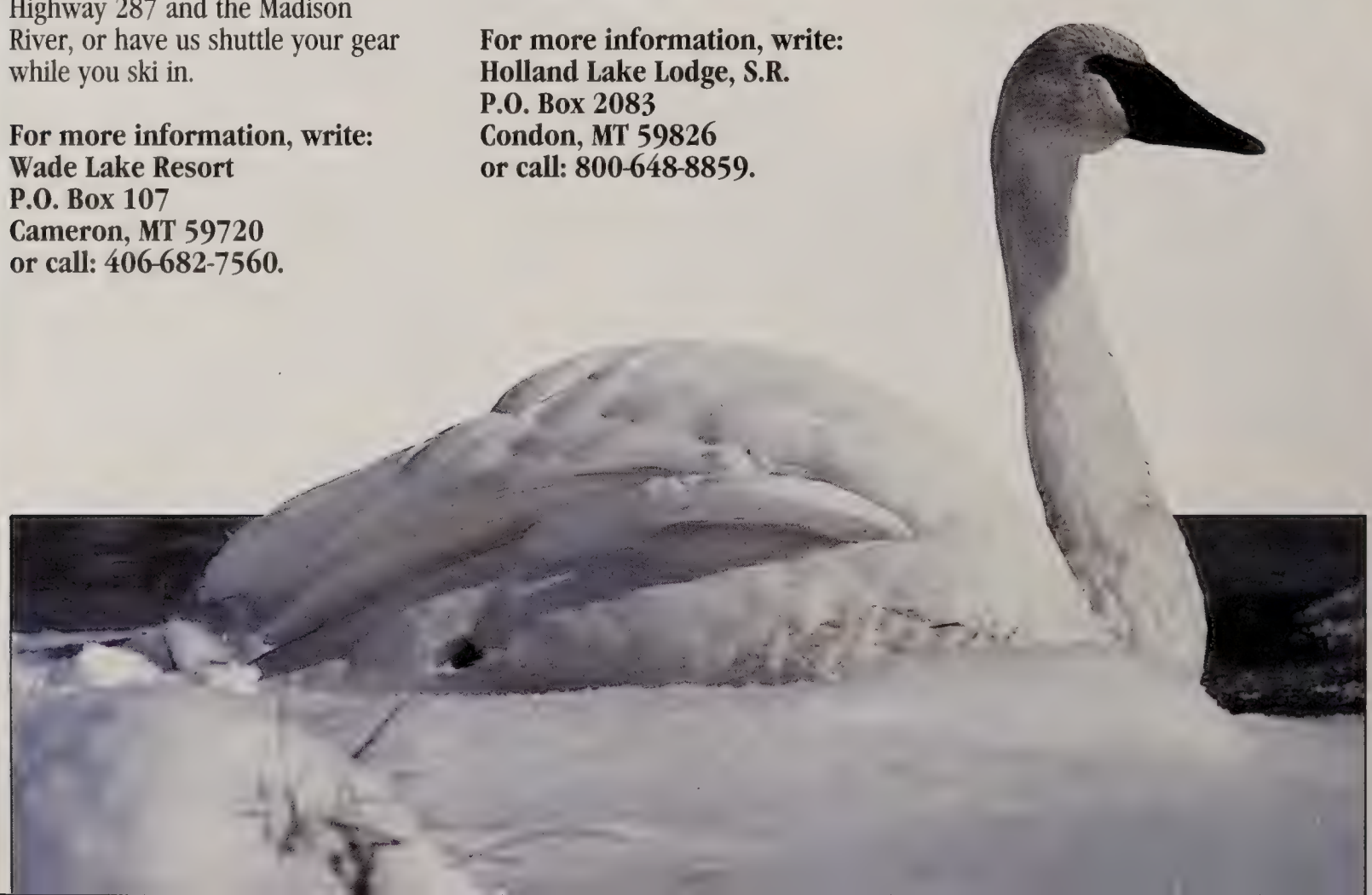
MOUNTAIN TIMBERS WILDERNESS LODGE

Mountain Timbers is right next door to Glacier National Park—just one mile away. Imagine skiing all day in the forested beauty of the park or on 8.5 km of nearby groomed trails. Then, picture yourself relaxing in a jacuzzi while enjoying a breathtaking view of Glacier.

If you like to get away from noise and crowds, this small, intimate lodge, built from 450-year-old logs, is for you. Mountain Timbers is off the beaten path, but still offers amenities like a library, workout area, jacuzzi and full breakfast.

As a bonus, wildlife viewing here is excellent. National Geographic cited the North Fork, where the lodge is located, as having "the most abundant wildlife in the lower 48 states." For a true Montana experience, call today.

For more information, write:
Mountain Timbers
Wilderness Lodge
P.O. Box 94
West Glacier, MT 59936
or call: 800-841-3835
406-387-5830,
Fax 406-387-5835.



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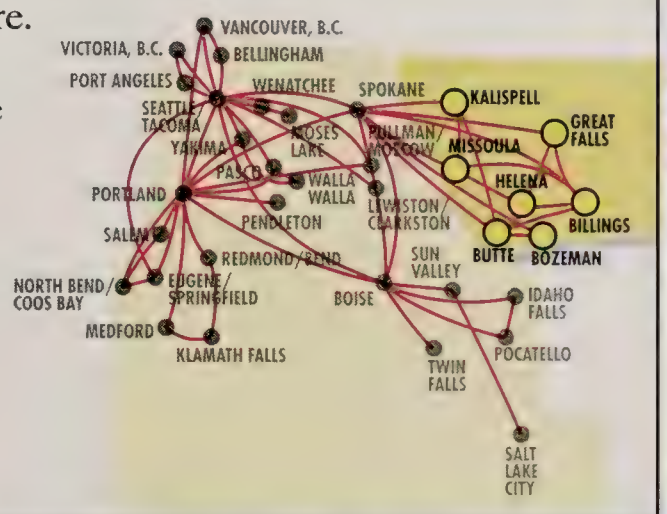

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WINTER EXCITEMENT NATIONAL FOREST STYLE

The national forests and grasslands of Montana stretch from prairies and badlands in eastern Montana through rolling hills and isolated ponderosa pine woodlands to rugged mountaintops and steep, timbered canyons in western Montana. When winter snows cover these 16.8 million acres of public lands, they become a winter wonderland.

Twelve downhill ski areas on national forest lands provide slopes for every talent. These winter sports areas have been developed in cooperation with private industry and are operated under national forest special-use permits.

In addition to spectacular downhill runs, there are vast and diverse landscapes for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers to enjoy. Cross-country skiers can follow over 600 miles (750 kilometers) of designated ski-touring trails of varying difficulty across timbered slopes, open meadows and ridgelines.

Here you'll find Dead Dog Loop, a 5.5 kilometer trail groomed daily in Gallatin National Forest near West Yellowstone; Laughing Water Creek, an easy, 7.2 kilometer journey in Kootenai National Forest south of Eureka; and Silver Crest, a popular system of trails in the Lewis and Clark National Forest south of Great Falls. And there are dozens more, including many trails that are adjacent to downhill ski areas or just minutes from town. Experienced skiers, with appropriate precautions, can explore on their own.

Snowmobilers can ride over 3,400 miles of designated, groomed trails, or they too can explore on their own. In some areas, wildlife winter ranges are closed to snowmobiling.

Winter recreationists should remember that conditions can turn an outing into a tragedy for the unprepared. Knowledge of the area, weather, route and limitations of your body and equipment—plus a little common sense—can ensure safe and enjoyable outings.

Take your pick of the special places available in Montana's national forests. They are yours to enjoy.

A brochure describing winter recreation opportunities and a good map are essential when you're planning your winter trip to Montana. Information on ski touring is available in the Ski Touring Trails brochure available from the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region. The Montana Snowmobiling Guide provides information on snowmobiling and is available from the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region or 1424 Ninth Ave., Helena, MT 59620, 800-541-1447. A Guide to Your Northern Region National Forests will give you the location of all 10 national forests in Montana. This guide and maps of the individual national forests and winter recreation trails are available from the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, or the individual national forests (see list of addresses).

For those who seek the solitude of a true backcountry experience, the Forest Service has rustic cabins and lookouts throughout Montana for rent on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cabins are furnished with the bare basics (table, chairs, wood stove and bunks). Bedding is not furnished. Cooking utensils, electricity and piped-in water are generally not available. Expect to use outdoor privies. Forest Service personnel at the national forest in which the cabin is located will be able to tell you what you need to bring. For a "Recreational Cabin & Lookout Directory," write or call the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region.

USDA Forest Service
Northern Region
Federal Building
P.O. Box 7669
Missoula, MT 59807
406-329-3511

Beaverhead National Forest
420 Barrett Street
Dillon, MT 59725-3572
406-683-3900

Bitterroot National Forest
1801 North First Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-3131

Custer National Forest
2602 First Avenue North
P.O. Box 2556
Billings, MT 59103
406-657-6361

Deerlodge National Forest
Federal Building
P.O. Box 400
Butte, MT 59703
406-496-3400

Flathead National Forest
1935 Third Avenue East
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-755-5401

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Gallatin National Forest
Federal Building
P.O. Box 130
Bozeman, MT 59771
406-587-6701

Helena National Forest
Federal Building, Room 334
2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, MT 59601
406-449-5201

Kootenai National Forest
506 Highway 2 West
Libby, MT 59923
406-293-8861

Lewis & Clark National Forest
1101 15th Street North
P.O. Box 869
Great Falls, MT 59403
406-791-7700

Lolo National Forest
Building 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59801
406-329-3750

GARNET GHOST TOWN

For a unique winter experience, the Garnet ghost town, east of Missoula in the Garnet Range, is a hidden delight for skiers. The Bureau of Land Management maintains an extensive trail system that combines the history of Montana's gold mining era with spectacular mountain views. Cabin rentals are available.

For information on skiing and cabin rentals, contact:
Garnet Resource Area
Bureau of Land Management
3255 Fort Missoula Road
Missoula, MT 59801
406-329-3914.

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NATIONAL PARKS

Winter in Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks is a wonderful time of year. The silent pristine beauty will awaken your senses like nothing you've ever experienced.

Winter transforms Montana's two national parks into unforgettable lands of beauty and peace.

Two million pristine acres, abundant wildlife, steaming geyser basins, miles of ski trails and backcountry touring make Yellowstone National Park an ideal cross-country ski destination. Skiers can explore on their own or arrange shuttle service to various trailheads.

But that's not all. Snowcoach tours and snowmobile rentals, available from West Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs, provide unique opportunities for enjoying our nation's first national park.

A hush settles over the high country as winter transforms the peaks of Glacier National Park into a crown of brilliant white light. Elk and deer move down to their winter range while mountain goats keep their lofty perch above. More than a dozen ski trails and a million acres of exquisite alpine splendor await the winter visitor to Glacier. Guided tours are available. Ski rentals also available. Inquire locally.

For maps and information about cross-country skiing and winter activities in the national parks contact Superintendent Yellowstone National Park WY 82190 307-344-7381, or Superintendent Glacier National Park West Glacier, MT 59936 406-888-5441.

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WINTER WILDLIFE WATCHING

Whether driving to a ski area, cross-country skiing or sipping hot chocolate indoors by a window, keep your eyes open for Montana's watchable wildlife. Deep snows in the high country drive many animals to lower elevations, and closer to civilization. That's why winter is the best season to see bighorn sheep, coyotes, deer, moose and Rocky Mountain elk.

Scan for elk herds on windswept hillsides. Spy a moose in a grove of willows. Watch for the white heads of bald eagles in riverside trees. Telephone poles spanning prairies create perches for rough-legged hawks and golden eagles. Ice-free lakes and rivers offer a watery refuge for ducks, Canada geese and swans.

Look, too, for tracks. You may spot the prints of a bounding snowshoe hare followed by lynx tracks. Both animals race lightly across snow on furry paws that act as natural "snowshoes."

Taking along a field guide to animal tracks will help you decipher wildlife clues etched in snow.

And please–give wildlife room to live. Birds and animals must conserve energy to survive the chilling months. Binoculars and a camera with a long lens will bring you close without disturbing wildlife.

Montana Wildlife Viewing Sites

As you travel in Montana, watch for binoculars symbol signs along the highways. They are locator signs for wildlife viewing sites. Certain sites are best visited in the winter, when you may see bighorn sheep, elk or eagles. More than 100 watchable wildlife sites are described in the Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide, available at bookstores or by calling **Falcon Press** at **800-582-2665.**

For more information on Montana's Watchable Wildlife, contact: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks 1420 East Sixth Ave Helena, MT 59620 406-444-2535.

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